

**Ferrisburgh Selectboard Budget Meeting Minutes**  
**January 2, 2024**  
**5:30 pm**

Members in attendance: Clark Hinsdale, Chris Campbell, Michael Muir, Walter Reed

Others in attendance: Pam Cousino, Town Clerk, Laurie Curler

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by Clark Hinsdale.

Discussion ensued regarding payroll and delinquent tax interest. The rest of the proposed income was reviewed and minor adjustments were made.

The different expense categories were reviewed. Highway is going up a fair amount due to increases in paving but we need to keep up with our paving schedule.

Public safety (Fire Protection & Police) is increasing mostly due to a 34% increase for the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire department and a \$2.00 per capita increase for Vergennes Rescue (\$5,354.00). Payroll contingency was increased by 3%.

A line item was added for \$10,000 towards the next reappraisal that should start next year. We have a reappraisal fund but need to apply more to it. It was agreed that this could just be in the budget so that we don't need to have a line item on the warning, asking to add it to the non-budget reappraisal fund.

Discussion regarding trees on town property. Some of the trees originally planted on Atkins Farm Road have died. Walter stated that the town is responsible for 3 or 4 of the trees that need to be planted because of the land that town owns.

A new line item was added for radar signs to be used for various town highways at the amount of \$8,400. This is a one-time purchase. The data gathered from these signs can be used when applying for grants.

A special meeting is to be to be scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> to finalize the budget and warning.

At 6:19 p.m. Michael Muir moved to adjourn. Chris seconded. So moved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Cousino