

Ferrisburgh Select Board Budget Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
5:30 pm

Members present: Loretta Lawrence, Jim Benoit, Steve Gutowski, Michael Muir, and James Warden

Visitors: Andy Kirkaldy, Pam Cousino, and Gloria Warden

Loretta Lawrence, Chair, opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Select Board Warrant

Michael Muir made the motion to approve the special board warrants, in the amount of \$43,491.95. Motion was seconded by Steve Gutowski. Motion passes 5- 0.

Discussion of Late Bills

It was noted that the town still has problems with the treasurer's office paying bills. Most notably were the late payments to the State of Vermont Municipal Retirement System and for the next payment of our new fire truck. Discussion ensued. The board had to approve this special batch of bills due to the fact that these bills are overdue and should have been paid on prior board warrants. Pam Cousino also stated that she had just learned this past week, that the town will be penalized, for a second time, for another late payment to the Internal Revenue Service, for late payroll taxes. The town is still struggling with continuing, and problematic deficiencies with the treasurer's office. This will be the second time in recent months that the town will be penalized by the IRS for late payroll tax filings.

Finalize the Proposed Budget

The board reviewed the budget and finalized line items. The board agreed to put \$ 66,000 of the fund balance toward taxes. Discussion ensued regarding the treasurer's position. Pam Cousino, Assistant Treasurer, stated that the treasurer's position would not need to be more than 20 (twenty) hours per week. The job could be done in 20 (twenty) hours or less, depending on the week. Jim Benoit made the motion to adopt the budget in the amount of \$ 1,850,100. Michael Muir seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0. Pam will email the board an updated copy of the budget, for review, before it goes to the printers.

Approve and Sign Town Meeting Warning

Steve Gutowski made the motion to approve the town meeting warning, as presented, pending final approval from the town attorney. Motion seconded by Red Muir. Motion passes 5-0. 0.

Adjournment

Jim Benoit made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Steve Gutowski seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Lawrence, Chair