

Ferrisburgh Selectboard  
Budget Work Session  
Tuesday October 24, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

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Members present: Loretta Lawrence, Jim Benoit, and Rick Ebel

Members absent: Steve Gutowski and Michael Muir

Visitors: Deb Healey, Treasurer; Pam Cousino, Ass't Clerk/Treasurer

The board reviewed the template presented at the meeting. Loretta Lawrence stated that the select board did not request the newly added line item for Clerical help for the clerk's office for next year's budget and was surprised to see it showing up. Loretta requested that this line item be removed. Discussion ensued. Currently, this part-time clerical position is only a temporary position that ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. These monies are currently being taken out of the contingency fund, which are in this year's budget. The intent of the extra help is to help the Clerk's office get caught up on their current backlog. Pam Cousino and Deb Healey spoke about the about the need of adding money to next year's budget for continuing the extra, part-time clerical help. Discussion ensued. Jim Benoit and Loretta Lawrence both stated that it was too early to evaluate the need for hiring extra clerical help for July 1, 2018 when the board does not have data supporting the need at this point in time. Loretta stated that if monies were to be set aside for this, it most likely would go into a contingency fund; however, this will be a board decision for a later date.

The board continued to review the template for the rest of the budget line items and made suggestions to edit the template.

Loretta will contact the following people and invite them to the next budget work session on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>:

- Mike Quinn - Insurance costs
- Bill Wager – Fire Dept.
- Justus DeVries and Carl Cole – Listers' budget
- Clerk's office budget

Deb Healey has offered to remind people scheduled for the next budget work session, of the date and time.

The next budget work session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm at the Clerk's office. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Loretta Lawrence, Chair