

DRAFT MINUTES

Select Board Budget Work Session

Tuesday November 14, 2017

5:30 p.m.

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

Members absent: Michael Muir

Visitors: Bob Beach, Joe Blasius, Carl Cole, Pam Cousino, Justus DeVries, Deb Healey, Mike Quinn, Bill Wager, and Gloria Warden

- Bill Wager presented a written, proposed budget (\$70,465) for the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department. The dept. was asking for a modest increase of \$1840. Bill also stated that a new roof for the fire station will be a priority for this coming year. It is over 25 years old and needs to be replaced. The board thanked Bill and the entire Fire Dept. for all that they do to keep costs down – which includes lots of fund raising and doing much of the work on the trucks from within the department.
- Bob Beach spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission regarding the upcoming Zoning re-writes now that the Town Plan has officially been approved. The board has put in \$10,000 for the current budget and has stated that another \$10,000 will be budgeted for the next budget (2018-2019). Bob stated that he felt, barring any unforeseen circumstances, the current funding and future funding was adequate. The board thanked Bob and the Planning Commission for all their efforts on the Town Plan.
- Justus DeVries presented a written, proposed budget (\$ 49,000) on behalf of the Listers. Carl Cole and Joe Blasius also spoke on behalf of the proposed budget. Justus asked the board to purchase a fire-proof filing cabinet, for the lister's office and was requesting the funding to come from the non-budget restoration funds. The board stated that this would be okay but that it should be done, as an agenda item, at the December 5th select board meeting. The board thanked Justus, Carl, and Joe for all their work this past year.
- Mike Quinn, Insurance Broker for the Town of Ferrisburgh, provided the select board with written print-outs of various insurance plans and costs associated with the different plans. The board asked Mike to meet with the employees to go over the plans and to be sure they had all the necessary information. The board will not be able to make any insurance costs decisions any earlier than December 6, 2017.
- Gloria Warden presented a verbal breakdown of the office costs and projected costs for the next budget. Discussion ensued regarding the temporary office help and how the backlog of recordings is coming along. Pam Cousino stated that she is currently about 60 days behind in recordings. Gloria stated that she would provide the board with an update sometime after the middle of December. The board asked Deb Healey to send them a breakdown of current health insurance costs and also to provide a print-out of non-budget funds. Also, if Deb has time, she will try to send an updated budget template to the board. However, Deb is very busy with the professional auditors at this time.

The next budget work session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28th, at 6:00 pm. John Bull will be presenting the highway department budget.

Work session adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Loretta Lawrence, Chair