

DUBLIN BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting minutes
December 6, 2022

Present: Nancy Campbell, Judy Knapp, Carole Monroe (Selectboard Representative),
Sturdy Thomas, K Vanderbilt and Susie Vogel

Absent: William Gurney (Chair)

Also Present: Tom Vanderbilt – Emergency Management and Fire

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Acting Chair Susie Vogel.

Susie had a question about the November 29, 2022 minutes regarding the Miscellaneous line. Of the \$11,324 only \$2,474 should be in Miscellaneous to cover dues, porta potti, forms and scale certifications. The balance should be in the Hauling and Disposal budget line. Sturdy moved to approve the minutes as amended; K seconded; motion approved 6-0.

Tom and K Vanderbilt presented the **Fire** and **Emergency Management** budgets:

Fire:

Unless otherwise noted (excluding salaries and payroll), lines remain the same as in the 2022 budget.

Fire Training: Same-\$2,500. Question if this line will be all spent in 2022. K reported there had been confusion with invoices. One member will be reimbursed for training in 2023. Members must be on the department for a year to get reimbursement for training.

Telephone: Slight increase to \$2,036 from \$2,028.

Computer Expenses: New expense-\$1,000. The department is converting to a State program which will eliminate data entry. Calls will now be entered automatically from SW Fire Mutual Aid for both fire and rescue calls. The program is NHERS Image Trend. This is the basic package. The fee should be the same for 4 or 5 years.

Pocket Monitors: Increase by \$100 from \$2,000 to \$2,100. This represents 4 pagers at \$525 each, plus repairing them: a 5% increase from 2022 price. K reported that a Forestry Grant will reimburse 50% of the monitor costs, as well as some gear.

Medical & Physical Exams: Fire personnel over the age of 40 need physicals every year (10 individuals). Some members also get physicals at their full-time jobs which reduces the cost to the town. Cost of each physical is \$425.

Gear: Increase by \$1,225 from \$5,500 to \$6,725. Cost has increased and this is only for 1 set of gear. Gear lasts 10 years.

Equipment Maintenance: Same as 2022, however, when Moto retires, this will increase.

Electricity and Propane: This figure is from the Town Administrator based on the amount of electricity and propane used by the department in the past and the estimated cost of each.

Ambulance: Increase of \$5,722 from \$76,159 to \$81,881.

Dispatch: Increase of \$527 from \$26,354 to \$26,881.

Total: \$296,102

Warrant article: Insulation- \$20,000- This is to add insulation to the loft bays and the 2nd floor meeting room. The insulation will either be spray foam or blown in cellulose.

Emergency Management:

Unless otherwise noted (excluding salary), lines remain the same as in the 2022 budget.

Expenses: Decrease of \$340 from \$770 to \$400. This reflects the removal of the electricity cost for the Highway Department repeater on Beech Hill.

Printing: 2022 budget has been spent on a mailing going out in January.

Total: \$9,368

Other warrant articles to date: Highway department garage doors, HVAC system for Library, Library Foyer repair (to be taken out of Library Maintenance Capital Reserve and unassigned fund balance), Chip Seal Roads, Accrual Trust Fund and Fuel Contingency Fund.

Other Business:

Judy pointed out that the Budget Committee had not submitted a budget. The Committee agreed to submit a budget of \$400. This provides for 2 members to attend training and the newspaper notice for the budget hearing.

Nancy asked if the Budget Committee could receive the Recycling Committee report that was submitted to the Selectboard recommending pay per bag. There were concerns that trying to get this passed as a warrant article in 2023 would not allow enough time to educate the public. It was felt that the committee could spend time re-educating the town on the need to recycle and clarifying what can and can't be recycled.

Carole gave an update on the grant for workforce housing-it had been denied because of the dollar amount. The Selectboard will be supporting the Library Programs line because that reflects what people said they wanted in the survey. She also reported that the Board had modified the salary line for the Librarian and Assistant's.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee will be Tuesday, December 13, 2022, to review the Executive Budget and salaries, Welfare and Summer Playground.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Campbell, Co-Secretary