

# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Budget Committee

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## Budget Committee Meeting Minutes December 28, 2016

### A. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Eric McDowell called the meeting to order in the Buxton Meeting Room at 7:00pm, and declared that a quorum was present.

### B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Guessferd.

### C. Attendance

**Members Present:** Malcolm Price (delayed), Eric McDowell, Norm Martin, Jim Barnes, Ted Trost, Bob Guessferd, Joe Fernald, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey

**Members Absent:** Geoffrey Keegan (excused), Shawn Murray

### D. Acceptance of Minutes

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 12, 2016 (Trost/Barnes). CARRIED 7-0-1 (Luszey abstained)

### E. New Business

**MOTION:** Change the School Budget as recommended by the School Board (recommendations attached) (Barnes/Luszey) CARRIED 8-0-0.

**MOTION:** Increase the school operating budget, account 10351311/430 (Science Lab Renovation) by \$60,000 (Trost/Luszey).

**AMENDMENT:** Motion to amend the dollar amount of the increase to \$35,000) (Trost/Martin) CARRIED 7-1-0 (Mr. McDowell voting against).

After further discussion by the Committed, the original motion was withdrawn by Mr. Trost.

**MOTION:** Increase the operating budget for the Schools, account 10352840/744 (Telephone system) by \$100,000 (Martin/Langlais).

Discussions on the motions continued, during which time,

- Chairman Price arrived at the meeting at 7:40pm.
- A recess was called by the Chairman at 7:58pm, and the meeting was called back to order at 8:04pm

After the meeting was called back to order following the recess, the motion FAILED, 2-6-1.

**MOTION:** Reduce the school operating budget in the amount equal to the salary and benefits for the IT Analyst position, \$81,465 (Trost/McDowell). FAILED 3-6-0

**MOTION:** Reduce the School budget items as follows (Barnes/Trost):

- 10912620/411 (Hills Library – Water) from \$150 to \$100
- 10912620/412 (Hills Library – Sewer) from \$75 to \$50
- 10912620/622 (Hills Library – Electric) from \$1,000 to \$910
- 10912620/624 (Hills Library – Oil) from \$7,500 to \$3,900

**AMENDMENT:** Motion to amend the above motion, changing the budgeted amounts to \$0. (Luszey/Trost) CARRIED 7-2-0

The amended motion:

Reduce the School budget items as follows (Barnes/Trost):

- 10912620/411 (Hills Library – Water) from \$150 to \$0
- 10912620/412 (Hills Library – Sewer) from \$75 to \$0
- 10912620/622 (Hills Library – Electric) from \$1,000 to \$0
- 10912620/624 (Hills Library – Oil) from \$7,500 to \$0

CARRIED 9-0-0

## **F. School Warrant Articles**

**MOTION:** Ms. Langlais moved to recommend Warrant Article 2, the cost items for the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Union Local 633. Seconded by Mr. Trost. CARRIED 8-1-0 (Mr. Luszey voted "No".)

**MOTION:** Ms. Langlais moved to recommend Warrant Article 3, the cost items for the collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Local 1906. Seconded by Mr. Trost. FAILED 4-5-0 (Mr. McDowell, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Trost, Mr. Guessferd, and Mr. Luszey voted "No.")

**MOTION:** Ms. Langlais moved to recommend Warrant Article 4, to raise and appropriate a sum up to \$175,000 to replace the roof over the gymnasium at Alvirne High School. Seconded by Mr. Luszey. CARRIED 9-0

**MOTION:** Ms. Langlais moved to recommend Warrant Article 5, to raise and appropriate a sum up to \$50,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve School Renovation Fund. Seconded by Mr. Luszey. CARRIED 9-0

**MOTION:** Mr. McDowell moved to reduce item 10812520/117 in the amount of \$16,795. Seconded by Mr. Luszey. CARRIED 7-2

**MOTION:** Ms. Langlais moved to recommend Warrant Article 1, the School Operating Budget, in the amount of \$52,534,706. Seconded by Mr. Luszey. CARRIED 8-1.

## **G. Adjournment**

With no objections, Chairman Price declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Prepared by: Ted Trost