

Minutes: January 3, 2011  
Hudson Municipal Budget Committee

Meeting: Budget Committee: Town of Hudson / Hudson School District

Where: Town Hall – Community Development Room

Date: January 3, 2011.

Attendees:

Normand Martin (NM)  
Jonathan Maltz (JM)  
Susan Guarino (SG)  
Joyce Goodwin (JG)  
Steve Nute (SN)  
John Drabinowicz (JD)  
Charlotte Schweiss (CS)  
Laura Bisson (LB)  
Michael Buczynski (MB)  
Ken Massey (KM)

Thaddeus Luszey (TL)-absent

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

1. NM led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Input – None
3. NM entertained a motion to take off the table the Town of Hudson operating budget in the amount of 28,261,157. JD made the motion. JG seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor followed. The motion passed (10-0)
4. JD made a motion re line item 5125-322 to reduce this item from 3,000.00 to 1500.00 (a reduction of 1500.00). JG seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. Discussion followed. The motioned carried on a 7-2-1 abstained.
5. JD made a motion re line item 5571-303 to reduce this item from 1,100.00 to 600.00 (a reduction of 500.00). JG seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. Discussion followed. The motion carried 6-4-0).
6. JD made a motion re line item 5572-252 to reduce this item from 7,500.00 to 4,500.00 (a reduction of 3,000.00). JG seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. Discussion followed. Mark Pearson, Assistant Town Administrator provided information. The motion carried (7-3-0).
7. JD made a motion re line item 5610-214 to reduce the item from 1,000.00 to 400.00 (a reduction of 600.00). The motion was seconded by NM for discussion. Discussion followed. Chief Lavoie provided additional information. The motion failed (1-9-0).

8. JD made a motion re line item 5610-230 to reduce the item from 1,000.00 to 500.00 (a decrease of 500.00). The motion was seconded by NM for discussion. Discussion followed. Chief Lavoie provided additional information. The motion failed (1-9-0).
9. JD made a motion re line item 5650-105 to reduce the item from 1200.00 to 400.00 (a reduction of 800.00). NM seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion followed. Chief Lavoie provided additional information. JG suggested that they collect data this year re this line item to determine which department this expense should fall under in future budgets (health officer overtime is coming under the police budget). The motion failed (8-2-0).
10. JD made a motion re line item 5060-327 to reduce the item from 81,000.00 to 72,000 (a reduction of 9,000.00). NM seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion followed. Connie Owen also provided information. The motion failed (5-5-0).
11. JD made a motion re line item 5060-340 to reduce the item from 800.00 to 300.00 (a reduction of 500.00). NM seconded the motion for discussion. Connie Owen also provided information. NM and JD withdrew their motion.
12. JD made a motion re line item 5060-411 to reduce the item from 6,000.00 to 0.00 (a decrease of 6,000.00). NM seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion followed. Connie Owen provided information. The motion failed (0-9-1).
13. Shawn Jasper spoke to the committee re his thoughts re the Budget Committee meeting tonight.
14. Committee members addressed the above comments.
15. JD made a motion re line item 571-237 to reduce the item from 8,500.00 to 0.00 (a reduction of 8,500.00). NM seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion followed. Chief Gendron provided information. The motion failed (1-9-0).
16. JD made a motion re line item 5730-44 to reduce the item from 26,100.00 to 17,200.00 (a reduction of 8,900.00). The motion did not receive a second and therefore was not voted on.
17. A recess was held at 8:10 PM.
18. The meeting reconvened at 8:21 PM. CS made a motion requesting the BOS to put the non union supervisors' raises on a warrant article so that the voters can vote on this. JG seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed (6-2-2).
19. A motion was made by JG to lay on the table the operating budget for the town in the amount of 28,223,644.00. CS seconded the motion. KM made a point of order in that the motion should be to adopt the budget. JG made a motion to adopt the operating budget for the town in the amount of 28,223,641. CS seconded the motion. The motion passed (9-1-0).
20. NM reviewed Warrant Article G. Discussion followed. The straw vote was to not recommend the warrant article (3-3-4).
21. NM reviewed Warrant Article H. Discussion followed. KM provided information. No vote was needed.
22. NM announced the meeting tomorrow night.
23. NM motioned to adjourn the meeting. JG seconded the motion.
24. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.