

APPROVED

Town of Gilmanton
Budget Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 13, 2011
7:00 P.M. – Gilmanton I.W. Town Hall

Members present: Stan Bean, Mark Sawyer, Frank Bosiak, Frank Gianni, Rich Bakos, Betty Ann Abbott, Israel Willard, Steve Latici. Michael Hatch and Brian Forst were excused.

Others present: Acting Fire Chief Joe Hempel and Elana and Roger Ball. Unable to attend and sorely missed due to illness, was our recording clerk Rachel Hatch.

Stan Bean called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and indicated that the meeting had been posted in accordance with RSA 91-A.

Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2011

Mr. Bean indicated the review of these minutes would be deferred until next meeting.

Fire Department Budget Presentation

Fire Chief Joe Hempel went through the proposed 2011 Fire Department's proposed budget.

Disability for Call Pay employees – Gilmanton Firemen's Association paid Disability insurance for the call pay employees in 2010. Asking the Town to fund half in 2011. The Chief noted there are approximately 26 call pay firemen.

A question was asked about the basis computing Workers Compensation for Call Pay Employees. The Committee would like an answer to the question at a future meeting.

Telephone and Pagers – These two lines have been combined.

Ambulance Supplies – The Chief noted that the Hospital no longer restocks the ambulance supplies and that the Town must pay for these supplies. There was discussion about billing for these supplies and billing for equipment leaving the station.

A question was also raised about the need for keeping the temperature so high in the equipment bay. The thought being that there might be a savings in heating costs. It was noted that there is an optimum temperature for the equipment for starting the diesel engines and for the meds carried on the ambulance.

A question was raised about charging for all emergency vehicle responses. This led to several minutes of discussion without any resolution.

In response to a question, the Chief clarified that the budget covered both fire stations.

Purchase of Fire Tanker – Chief Hempel noted that the plan is to purchase a Taker Truck this year. The Tanker Truck would supplement the Initial Attack Fire Engine from the Corners with additional water. The Initial Attack Engine only carries enough water for a very few minutes.

Purchase of Ambulance – The Fire Department is recommending replacement of the van type ambulance at the Corners with a vehicle similar to the one at the Iron Works.

SCBA Bottles – The Fire Department would like to establish a Capital Reserve for the replacement of the SCBA apparatus. There were 20 units purchased in 2003 and updated by a grant in 2004. The cost of the units is \$5,500 and a spare bottle costs an additional \$750. Because the Capital Reserve was not started when the units were first purchased, it will require \$17,500 per year to have sufficient funds available when the units need to be replaced. It is preferable to replace all units at the same time so they are all compatible and all using the same technology.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully,

Stan Bean
Scribe for the night