

TOWN OF GILMANTON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012
7:00 PM ACADEMY BUILDING
503 PROVINCE ROAD

Members Present: Stan Bean (chair), Mark Sawyer, Frank Gianni, Brian Forst, Israel Willard, Richard Bakos, Steve Latici, Michael Hatch, Ralph Lavin (selectmen's rep.), Frank Bosiak

Also Present: Tim Warren (Gilmanton Administrator), Annette Andreozzi (clerk), Paul Perkins (Hwy), Phil O'Brien (PD)

Meeting opened at 7PM

1. Proof of Posting - Meeting notice was posted
2. Approval of December 14, 2011 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Bosiak moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Willard.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence - none
4. Committee Reports - none
5. Old Business (Agenda Items and Concerns of Committee Members) - none
6. New Business

Presentations – Highway & Police Department Budgets

Police - Chief O'Brien was told that pay raises would be 2.8 %. He cut his core budget by \$400. The Selectmen wanted \$28,000 cut in total budget. Rather than cut from his core he wants to make the sergeant position part time. The Selectmen wanted the sergeant to be full time, so they cut \$20,000 from the core budget. He then mentioned some specific line items where his request was different from the Selectmen's. One of those areas was the photo lab line, which has been used for DUI blood work.

Mr. Bakos asked why health insurance was down. He was told that it was the difference between one single plan and 2 family plans.

Mr. Latici asked about present police coverage. He was told 7AM to 2AM. He asked if there had been an increase in calls in the past 3 years. He was told the number had not grown greatly.

Chief O'Brien said the department has been running almost a year without a sergeant, but that puts more burden on him, and it makes only one car on the road during the day. The department has 5 patrol vehicles, but they are old.

Mr. Latici asked for information about the savings if a patrol person and vehicle were cut and the sergeant position was full time.

Mr. Gianni asked what happens between 2 and 7 AM when no police are on duty. Chief said an officer is on call, and if they are called they are paid overtime.

Mr. Willard said he would have thought there was more crime from 2-7 AM. Chief said break-ins have been in daytime. Between 2-7 AM there tend to be motor vehicle accidents.

Mr. Bean reminded the committee that it was not their job to micro manage or tell the Chief how to run his department. They could ask for information or what if.

Mr. Willard asked why the FD and PD both have copier leases. Chief said that they print confidential info that should not be accessible to the FD, and the FD does not have access to that area of the PD. Mr. Warren stated that the FD owns the copier in the safety building; they lease the one in IW.

Highway – Mr. Perkins pointed out that there was a decrease in the electric line, but that amount was added under the street light line. This change was to conform with present accounting practices. He indicated an increase in the building maintenance line because there is work that needs to be done. He pointed out the lines that have changed from last year's budget, and noted that the State grant money is down.

There was a discussion about buying salt and sand. Mr. Perkins stated that he shops around for the best price.

Mr. Forst asked about the other professional hired services, and was told it was for excavator work.

7. Public Input

Mr. Currier stated that cutting the police sergeant position to part-time would be detrimental for patrolmen trying to moving up. If they move to another town to move up, then Gilmanton has to recertify new patrol officers. Moral is not good now.

8. Adjournment at 7:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,
A. Andreozzi