

TOWN OF GILMANTON  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011  
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.)

Members Not Present: Frank Bosiak

Also Present: Tim Warren (Gilmanton Administrator), Annette Andreozzi (clerk), Deb Cornett (town clerk/tax collector)

Meeting opened at 7PM.

It was announced that the Budget Comm. meetings would be held in the Academy Building this season.

Proof of posting for the meeting was verified.

**Motion** by Mr. Willard to approve the Budget minutes of October 5, 2011, seconded by Mr. Hatch. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion of purposed 2012 Town Budget

Ms. Cornett referred to a memo sent to her, asking that her budget be kept to a minimum. She stated that she has cut down on part time hours. The election budget is up because there are 4 elections rather than one.

Mr. Willard asked why Selectmen were paid as election workers when they were paid a salary. She stated that was the way it has been done.

Mr. Bakos asked if she foresaw going over budget this year. Ms. Cornett stated no.

Mr. Warren stated that rather than print the draft budget the same way as last year, it has been done differently to save paper and make it easier to read.

In the Executive section the Selectmen's secretary salary has been adjusted. The difference shows up in an increase for the Deputy Treasurer.

There was a question about repair & maintenance for computers and computer maintenance. Mr. Warren stated that if someone comes in to repair a computer the funds come from repair and maintenance. Computer maintenance is for software

maintenance agreements.

Finance administration budget is up due to the coming postage increase.

Mr. Bakos asked if he foresaw going over budget this year. Mr. Warren said no. Assessing is up to cover an independent contractor, who does assessing on utilities, poles & lines. The Avitar program was available on line to everyone last year, not now. They were charging \$2500.

Legal has increased due to pending cases. This year's money will be expended.

Mr. Forst mentioned that money for pending cases could be put in a non capital reserve line instead of a line item in the operating budget.

Zoning and HDC spending was down. There were fewer applications this past year.

General government buildings is down. There was a question about the amount in the line item for maintenance for the Safety building. The other town buildings line is the town library, and emergency to any buildings and tax taken properties. The library budget is for running the library not maintaining the building.

Insurance is up due to an increase in worker comp claims & liability for properties taken by the Town of Gilmanton.

There is a change in mileage for the Building Inspector because he no longer drives a town vehicle. Mileage is paid at the IRS rate for mileage.

There was a question as to why the retirement line had brackets.

Animal control is money spent to take animals to the SPCA by the officer.

The Year Round Library has zero dollars under Contributions to Agencies because they have been asked to do a petitioned warrant article. There is a new line for Greater Lakes Child Advocacy who have helped 8 children living in Gilmanton.

Mr. Willard wanted to know why Agency contributions haven't been dropped from the budget. He also asked what the Snowmobile Asso. does. He was told that the Asso. maintains trails which are used by citizens to snowmobile, hike, ski, & snow shoe, as well as for emergency services.

Welfare budget has been decreased, though a number of people have been coming in lately, especially for heat.

Patriotic purposes has increased for the flags that go on graves & cemeteries.

The Debt service is for the bonds on the safety building and energy improvements on the Academy.

Capital outlay has increased \$35,000 to start the assessment process of measuring and listing for the 2014 revaluation. Doing a portion each year saves money.

There is also an increase due to paving for the recycling facility's new driveway. Mr. Willard asked if that money could be put in non capital reserve so it could not be used for anything else. He was told that it could.

Mr. Warren stated that information was sent to the Rocky Pond Asso. about creating their own village district.

There were no comments from the Public.

Committee adjourn by 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. Andreozzi