

TOWN OF GILMANTON  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

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

Members Not Present: Michael Hatch

Also Present: Tim Warren (Gilmanton Administrator), Annette Andreozzi (clerk), Chief O'Brian (PD), Paul Perkins (Hwy), Chief Hempel (fire), Justin Leavitt (solid waste)

Meeting opened at 8:30 AM

Mr. Bean announced the people running for office.

New Business

Review of the sections of the proposed town budget

Executive

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$133,102 for executive total.

Mr. Willard moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded for discussion to amend executive total reducing by \$300 for mileage. Mr. Latici stated that it was an IRS regulation to compensate employees that use their own vehicles for work related business. There was a discussion relating to the town's liability if the employees were not compensated when on town business. The discussion continued about whether the salary of employees already pays them for using their personal vehicle. Mr. Willard withdrew his motion.

Mr. Willard moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded for discussion to amend to eliminate \$870 from other miscellaneous, as he felt that amount could come out of other budget lines. Mr. Bakos stated the line was necessary for accounting purposes. Vote 1-for, 8-opposed. Amendment failed.

Executive total \$133,102. Vote 8 – for, 1 -opposed. Executive total passed.

Election

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$25,318 for election total.

Mr. Willard moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded for discussion to amend to reduce line 01-41403-190-02 by \$2,000 so as not to pay the Selectmen for working at the polls. Vote 1 - for, 8 - opposed. Amendment failed.

Election total \$25,318. Vote 8- for, 1- opposed Election total passed.

Finance

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$70,143 for finance total. Finance total vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Finance total passed.

Tax collector/clerk

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$154,911 for tax collector/clerk total. Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Collector/clerk total passed.

Treasurer

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$11,166 for Treasurer total. Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Treasurer passed.

Trustees of Trust Funds

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$9,132 for Trustees of Trust Funds total. Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Passed.

Budgeting

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$2,480 for Budgeting total. Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Passed.

Assessing

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$107,938 for Assessing total. Mr. Forst asked if the town checked periodically on rates paid to other assessors. Mr. Warren said that has not been done, but there was not a large pool of people. Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Passed.

Legal

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$50,000 for Legal total.

Mr. Latici said that 2 cases will probably go to court. There is \$26,000 in non capital reserve. The total of the two will probably be enough, but the reserve will be depleted. Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Vote passed.

#### Planning

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$33,823 for Planning total. Mr. Willard moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded for discussion to amend the Planning total to \$31,823, by reducing the total by the \$2,000 that was not spent last year. Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Passed. New total for Planning \$31,823.

#### Zoning

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$14,815 for Zoning total. Mr. Willard moved to reduce the total to \$12,000; he said there would be less cases because the Planning Board is removing special exceptions from the zoning ordinance. Vote 5 – for, 2 – opposed. New total for Zoning \$12,000.

#### Historic district

Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$6,177 for Historic District total. Mr. Willard moved and Mr. Bosiak seconded to reduce the total to \$4,000. Mr. Latici stated that the HDC had an unusual case last year and that would not happen again, so they would not need to spend that much money. Vote 8 – for, 1 – opposed. New Historic district total \$4,000.

#### General Government

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$99,820 for general government total. There was a discussion on phone cost. The Metrocast agreement with the town gives the town buildings internet for free. Mr. Forst moved to reduce maintenance on the Old Town Hall and grounds keeping on the public safety building, reducing the total by \$5,500. There was a discussion on heating in the old town hall. Vote on reducing general government total by \$5,500, unanimous. Vote unanimous on general government total \$94,320.

#### Cemeteries

Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$8,000 for Cemeteries total. Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Vote passed.

#### Insurance

Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$135,708 for insurance total. Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Vote passed.

### Police

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$500,967 for Police total. Mr. Bakos moved to adopt the Chief's budget total of \$484,265, including correcting the insurance line. Chief O'Brian said his plan was for a part time sergeant; he felt the work load could be handled with a part time person. There was a discussion about the Sergeant position. Mr. Forst stated that the Chief said he could operate on the budget he recommended.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. New total for Police \$484,265.

### Fire

Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$563,815 for Fire total. Mr. Willard moved to reduce the Fire Chief's salary to \$61,407 and Mr. Forst seconded for discussion. It was stated that cost of living raises, when they happen, are given across the board and start on January 1 of the year. Mr. Forst said the Chief's salary is for this year with a cost of living increase; he did not want to single out one department head. Mr. Willard withdrew his motion. Mr. Forst asked what percent of the vehicle repair line was for the old ambulance. Chief Hempel said \$8,785 was spent on that unit in 2011. Vote unanimous on Fire total \$563,815.

### Building Inspector

Mr. Forst move and Mr. Bosiak seconded for discussion to expend \$52,082 for Building Inspector total. There was a discussion on the Building inspectors wages and benefits. Mr. Forst moved to amend the total line by reducing it by \$9680 and seconded by Mr. Willard. Mr. Forst said the building inspector should be more efficient, he is only working 15 hours per week. The vote on the amendment failed. Mr. Latici moved to reduce the total line by \$12,000, seconded by Mr. Sawyer. Mr. Latici said the number was just a stab in dark; the building inspectors benefits are unjustified; a message was sent last year. Vote on amendment was unanimous. New total line for the building department was \$40,082.

### Emergency Management

Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$5,722 on emergency management. There was discussion on what was included in the line. Vote unanimous on emergency management total \$5,722.

### Highway Administration

Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Willard seconded to expend \$381,052 on highway administration. Mr. Willard moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to reduce dues & subscriptions by \$499. Mr. Perkins said that all present subscriptions were free. Vote on amendment 9 – for, 0 – opposed.

Mr. Forst stated that a new truck does not need as much maintenance, so he moved to reduce the repair 1 Ton Dump line by \$1200; seconded by Mr. Bakos.

Vote on amendment 8 – for, 1- opposed.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed total new highway administration \$379353.

#### Highway & streets

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$290,133 for highway & streets. The billing of about 6-8 street lights accounted for lighting streets and highways.

Previously this amount was included with the electric bill. The electric bill has been reduced by that amount.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed total highway & streets \$290,133.

#### Road betterment grants

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$258,152 for road betterment.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed total road betterment \$290,133.

#### Animal Control

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$500 for animal control.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Unanimous.

#### Contributions to Agencies

Mr. Forst moved for discussion and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$33,332 for contributions to agencies. Mr. Willard move to contribute only \$5000 to Genesis. Mr. Latici stated the amount requested was based per capita. Vote on \$5000 to Genesis 1- for, 8 – opposed. Vote fails.

Mr. Willard moved to reduce Greater Lakes Child Advocacy to zero seconded by Mr. Sawyer for discussion. Mr. Willard said the Town should not be adding charities. Chief O'Brian said the police does 5-10 interviews with them, and their budget has been cut by the state. Mr. Willard withdrew his motion.

Mr. Forst move to contribute only \$5717 to Genesis seconded by Mr. Bosiak . Mr. Latici said the agencies serve a vulnerable part of population, which are losing other funding; they serve people in Gilmanton. Mr. Forst withdrew his motion.

Vote unanimous to expend \$33,332 to agencies.

#### Welfare

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$74,150 for welfare. Mr. Forst said that last year the amount expended for welfare was the amount presently in the reserve fund. He motioned to reduce welfare by \$24150 because of the non capital reserve fund. Mr. Bosiak seconded. All in favor.

Unanimous vote to expend \$50,000 for Welfare.

Parks & rec

Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$15,852 for parks & rec.  
Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Vote passed.

Library

Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Willard seconded to expend \$3,500 for library.  
Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Vote passed.

Patriotic purposes

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$3,875 for patriotic purposes.  
Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Vote passed.

Conservation

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$6,533 for conservation. Mr. Willard moved to reduce other Professional to \$500, seconded by Mr. Sawyer for discussion. Mr. Warren said the forester is paid for the size of the cut and the culvert so the line item is needed to be able to pay; the Dept. of Revenue said that if the forester is to be paid out of the cut there needs to be a separate warrant article. Mr. Forst said the culverts should be listed in miscellaneous; the conservation commission should not be paying for an access off a class 6 road. Mr. Forst said if Other Professional is reduced and the amount is higher it can come out of the budget elsewhere. Mr. Forst moved to expend \$4,733 total for conservation. Vote passed unanimously.

Debt service

Mr. Bosiak moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$64,976 for dept service.  
Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Vote passed.

Capital outlay grants

Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to expend \$75,358 for Capital outlay grants  
Offsetting revenue comes in. Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Vote passed.

Solid Waste

Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Bosiak seconded to expend \$284,208 for solid waste. Mr. Willard move to cut \$999 from scrap metal other charges because the price of metal is not going to drop. Vote unanimous.  
Mr. Willard moved to subtract \$500 from Heating. There was no second.  
Mr. Forst moved to reduce solid waste total by \$1000, \$500 on propane & \$500 on tires;  
Mr. Sawyer seconded. Vote unanimous.  
Mr. Forst moved to expend \$282,209 total to solid waste, Mr. Latici seconded.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Vote passed.

### Warrant Articles

Article 10 - Mr. Sawyer moved to recommend, seconded by Mr. Lavin. Mr. Latici said he was against the article it should be delayed by 1 year to increase the gap between ambulance replacement time. Mr. Bean said that no capital funds were set aside for an ambulance this year. Mr. Forst agreed with Mr. Latici; he said money should be saved in capital reserve or paid in a lease. Chief Hempel said that there was no additional impact if they lease now rather than wait for the capital reserve, and it may save in maintenance expense; the engine has to be addressed soon. Mr. Bean explained that the DRA disallowed movement from the floor to expend something that hadn't been discussed. Mr. Forst said that a capital reserve amount should have been listed, then it could have been removed if the article passed. Mr. Bean agreed.

Vote to recommend 5 – for, 4 – opposed. Recommended.

Article 13 - vote to recommend 2 – for, 5 opposed. Not recommended.

Article 16 - Mr. Forst moved to recommend a total of \$3,405,898.

Selectmen	\$1,147,971
Police	\$ 484,265
Fire	\$ 563,815
Highway	\$ 927,638
Solid waste	\$ 282,209

Mr. Bosiak . Vote 8 – for, 1 - opposed. Recommended.

Article 17 - Mr. Forst moved to recommend, seconded by Mr. Willard. Discussion of coverage for legal fees and court requirements.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Recommended.

Article 18 – Mr. Forst moved to recommend, seconded by Mr. Latici.

There was a discussion on the cruiser line; it included equipment. There is a level tax burden by appropriating every year. The money in capital reserve cannot be spent on anything else without a vote.

Vote unanimous to recommend.

Article 19 - Mr. Latici moved to recommend, seconded by Mr. Sawyer.

Ann Kirby said the library averages 737 visits per month; in January 500 visits were by adults. There are 1253 members. Mr. Willard said \$45,000 is a good deal for town use. Mr. Gianni said that Gilmanton was one of few towns that did not have a year round library. Mr. Lavin said most people use the internet instead of a library; a library is a pleasure not needed. Mr. Sawyer said it was a social center for senior citizens. Mr. Latici said enrichment of life through knowledge is a necessity.

Vote 4 – for, 3 opposed, 1 - abstain. Recommended.

Article 20 - Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to recommend. There was a discussion of the proposed vehicle.

Vote unanimous to recommend.

Article 21 – Mr. Forst recommended for discussion seconded by Mr. Willard Mr. Latici said the chief was concerned about moving the entrance because it creates a risk of collision on route 107; the study was not adequate. Mr. Lavin said that it was brought up at Selectmen meetings that DOT would not have permitted the driveway if they did not think it was safe. Mr. Forst said he did not see a solid plan to support changing of the driveway. Mr. Leavitt said the change is for safety. Mr. Lavin said the Selectmen were concerned with safety specially for children.

Vote to not recommended.

Article 22 - Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to recommend.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Recommended.

Article 23 - Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to recommend.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Recommended.

Article 24 – Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Willard seconded to recommend.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Recommended.

Article 25 - Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to recommend.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Recommended.

Article 26 - Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Bosiak seconded to recommend. Mr. Latici said the pond needs a comprehensive solution and it's own municipal district to raise money. Mr. Willard said if the Article is defeated maybe it will force them to address a municipal district. Mr. Gianni said that Rocky Pond has no public access.

Vote 1 – for, 8 - opposed. Not recommended.

Article 27 - Mr. Forst moved and Mr. Sawyer seconded to recommend.

Vote 9 – for, 0 – opposed. Recommended.

Adjournment at 1:52PM

Respectfully submitted,

A. Andreozzi