

TOWN OF GILMANTON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012

Members Present: Brian Forst (chair), Lynn Paige, Richard Bakos, Malcolm McCloud (for Ella Jo Regan-school board rep), Raymond Daigle, Steve Bedard (arrived 6:45PM), Rachel Hatch (selectmen's rep.)

Members Not Present: Mark Sawyer, Frank Gianni, Steve Latici

Also Present: Annette Andreozzi (clerk)

Meeting opened at 6:40PM

1. Proof of Posting – meeting posted in 3 places and on website
2. New Business
Presentations

Fire – Chief Hempel

Brian asked why call insurance has increased.

Chief said there was a 3 year old program in place to pay for call fire fighters' insurance. For the first 3 years the Firemen's Asso. Paid a portion.

Brian asked about vehicle repairs.

Chief said some repairs have decreased due to new equipment, and there was a discussion with the selectmen about the ability to do repairs & maintenance for \$25,000. Everything was in relatively good repair.

Rachel said there was \$14,500 in non capital reserves, and a warrant article for \$15,500, so the total would be \$30,000.

Brian stated that capital outlay tools & equipment was up \$1,000.

Chief said large appliances need replacement. The 2012 funds went to a rescue pack.

Mickey stated that \$1,459 has been spent for repair & maintenance equipment, but \$5,500 is being asked.

Steve asked about the \$7000 raise in the chief's salary.

Chief said that holiday pay has been zeroed out and added to salary line for accounting reasons. There were no raises indicated in the salaries, but they all now include holiday pay. Medical #3 is a new employee.

Police – Chief Collins

Chief said he had to budget for an additional family plan insurance for a new employee. He feels the department can be covered with 5 full time employees, which he is working on completing. Holiday pay line has been zeroed for all employees, and the amount added to their salary lines. Retirement contributions have had to go up 5%. He will be asking for a new cruiser with a warrant article.

The department wants to do DWI and speeding stops with grant money, but for accounting the money has to be approved in a warrant article. His fear is the voter will not know that the money will come back to the town through the grant, that if people go into the voting booth without information they will vote no.

3. Public Input

There was no public at the meeting.

4. Adjournment

Chair adjourned meeting at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Andreozzi