

2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2017

Present: Supervisor Seth Pitts; Town Council Members: Marcus Blanck; Bruce Ferguson; Harold Gilchrest; Laura Dunham; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist; Clerk to Supervisor-Kathleen Chambers
Others present: Travis Keys-Highway; Al Cormier-Historian; Rebecca Brown-Water Clerk

Public Present: Evera Sue Clary; Kurt Winslow; Sarah Winslow

6:00 p.m.-Budget workshop meeting opened by Supervisor Pitts.

Supervisor Pitts reported that with the changes made @ the 10/11 meeting, the budget was down to a 1.99% increase.

Lines 128-Contractual Expenses (Historian)-Lowered from \$3,000 to \$2,500; add new Line Item-Historical Preservation (A7510.41) for \$500 (This won't change the bottom line; taking from one & adding new line for same amount)

Line 195-Franchise Cable (Local Sources)-\$8,700 in 2017; removed for 2018 (no money ever rec'd.)

Line 369-Contractual Expenses (Machinery)-\$125,000 changed to \$105,000

Line 376-Personal Services (O.T.) (Snow Removal)-Leave @ \$20,000 as it was

Discussion ensued again about over-staffing in the Highway Dep't. Budget could be cut more by letting one person go; unemployment insurance would have to be paid on the person that was let go. Can this even be done with the union contract in place for the highway employees? Supervisor Pitts did not think so. Left as is for now--the feeling of the majority of the board members was to wait and see if someone leaves, quits, etc., don't hire a replacement and see how it goes.

Rebecca Brown still feels that cutting the building expenses at Proudfit from \$30,000 to \$19,000 is too big a cut. She has gone back six years for total expended on the Proudfit building if anyone wants to see them. Councilwoman Dunham asked her for her paperwork. Work needs to be done on the soffits, windows need to be looked at, & just heating the building costs money. Actual costs spent so far were given to Supervisor Pitts & he added more to get to the \$19,000; he was comfortable with that number.

Resolution #87-Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to adopt the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget with the changes to the Historian's Contractual Expenses (removing \$500) and adding a new line for Historic Preservation (\$500), setting the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for Wednesday, November 1st, 2017, @ 6:00 p.m. in the Salem Town Office. Passed unanimously 5-0

Lease w/Salem Fire Dep't. on Carnival Grounds-Supervisor Pitts had copies of the current lease available. He wants to have Attorney Alan Wrigley re-word the agreement for approval, changing to a 60-day notice from either party to end the lease.

Supervisor's Reports-August & September, 2017, reports were provided for review & approval. **Motion made by** Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to sign the Supervisor's reports for August & September, 2017, as presented; passed unanimously 5-0. Bank statements were also provided for review for August & September, 2017. Revenues & expenditures up to Sep't. 30th, 2017 were provided for the Georgi Museum as well.

Councilwoman Dunham informed the board that she had attended a Planning Board meeting on October 12 & there were some issues that needed to be brought before the town board: 1.) Planning Board would like a flow chart for Special Use Permit & Site Plan Review; Councilwoman Dunham has called Laberge & requested the same be sent. 2.) Detailed maps provided 3.) More training provided through Wash. County Real Property 4.) Review of Town Local Laws

Todd Riche's billing statement for Courthouse records management storage work needs to be broken down into materials, electrical & labor, according to Historian, Al Cormier. Supervisor Pitts will contact Todd to do the same and submit.

Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilcrest, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to adjourn the October 17, 2017 Tentative Budget Workshop meeting on the 2018 budget; passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting was adjourned @ 7:10 p.m.

Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget-Will be held on Wednesday, 11/01/2017, @ 6 p.m. in the Salem Town Office.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting-Will be held on Wednesday, 11/08/2017, @ the Salem Town Office, review of Warrants #11 and Abstract #11 for review/payment to begin @ 6:30 p.m., meeting to be called to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem

