

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 29, 2007

A special meeting of the Hampden Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 for the purpose of holding a budget workshop on the proposed FY 2008 budget. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Councilors: Mayor Rick Briggs, Robert Gilberti, Edward Murphy, Thomas Brann, Andrew Colford, Matt Arnett and Shannon Cox

Town Manager: Susan Lessard

Department Heads: Public Works Director Greg Nash and Public Safety Director Joseph Rogers. Andre Cushing, Vice-Chair of the Communications Committee was also present.

Budgets for Outside Agencies, Communications, Reserves, Public Safety, Police Department, Fire Department, Non-Department Utilities, General Assistance, County Tax, Debt Service, The Bus and SAD #22 were each reviewed line-by-line.

38-00 OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Kathryn Bernier of Hammond Street Senior Center requested that the Council appropriate \$35.00 per member from Hampden, for a total of \$4,795.00. Motion by Councilor Colford, seconded by Councilor Gilberti to fund \$4,795.00 to Hammond Street Senior Center – unanimous vote in favor.

Patty Hamilton from the City of Bangor Health and Welfare Department requested \$150.00 for the Bangor Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic. Motion by Councilor Arnett, seconded by Councilor Cox to fund \$150.00 for Bangor Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic – unanimous vote in favor.

Robert Brown from Penquis CAP, Inc. asked that the Council fund \$12,594.00 for Penquis CAP's work in assisting Hampden residents. He provided a summary of services provided for Hampden families. Following discussion, Councilor Colford moved and Councilor Arnett seconded to fund \$12,594.00 for Penquis CAP; vote: Councilor Murphy opposed; all others in favor – motion carried.

Eastern Area Agency – Motion by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Arnett to reduce this line item to \$2,000, the same amount as last year. Vote on the motion: Councilors Brann and Cox opposed; all others in favor – motion carried. Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Cox to fund this line item at \$3500.00. Vote on the motion: Councilor Murphy opposed; all others in favor – motion carried.

Hampden Historical Society – Motion by Councilor Colford, seconded by Councilor Gilberti to fund \$250.00 for the Hampden Historical Society – unanimous vote in favor.

Community Health & Counseling Services – There was an error in the proposed amount of \$1,208.00. The actual requested amount was \$2,152.00. Motion by Councilor Brann, seconded by Councilor Cox to change this line item to \$2,152.00 – unanimous vote in favor.

The new proposed total for Outside Agencies is \$24,441.00.

01-03 COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Committee Vice-Chair Andre Cushing presented the budget, which had been revised following the last meeting. The budget was separated into two categories – expenses relative to Cable TV, which would be covered by cable franchise fees, and expenses that would come from taxation.

01-05 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Motion by Councilor Gilberti, seconded by Councilor Murphy to reduce this line item from \$7,500.00 to \$5,000.00. Following discussion a roll call vote was taken – Councilor Murphy in favor; all others opposed – motion did not carry.

16-01 SPECIAL EVENTS

Motion by Councilor Colford, seconded by Mayor Briggs to move this line item from taxation to the Cable TV portion of the budget. During discussion Councilor Arnett suggested splitting that amount between the two portions of the budget. Councilor Colford amended his motion to fund half this line item from Cable TV and half from taxation. Vote on the motion: Councilors Colford and Murphy in favor, all others opposed – motion did not carry.

No change was made to the total proposed amount of \$35,614.00.

03-700 RESERVES

03-737-00 AMBULANCE

Councilor Colford moved to fund \$10,000.00 to this account. Motion died for lack of a second. No change was made to the proposed amount of \$0.00.

03-741-00 FIRE TRUCK

Councilor Colford moved to send this back to the Public Safety Committee. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. There was some discussion about whether there was any new information for the Committee to review. Public Safety Director Rogers informed the Council that the current tanker truck

does have to pass state inspection. If it fails inspection, it can not go out the door. Vote on the motion: Councilors Cox, Brann and Colford in favor; Councilors Arnett, Briggs and Murphy opposed; Councilor Gilberti abstained. Motion did not pass.

Motion by Councilor Colford, seconded by Councilor Arnett to send back to the Public Safety Committee with all new information from the Public Safety Department, including the inspection report and minutes from the Public Safety Committee's report to the Council. Roll call vote on the motion: All in favor.

05-10 PUBLIC SAFETY

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$162,413.00.

05-01 POLICE

05-01-30-80 TRAVEL/TRAINING

This line item was corrected from \$3,000.00 to \$7,000.00.

The corrected proposed total amount for Police is \$930,205.00.

05-05 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Public Safety Director Rogers indicated that the proposed budget does not reflect any changes in personnel. There is a separate proposal for an additional full-time firefighter/paramedic in the amount of \$56,906. Councilor Colford noted that this would be the last full-time position required to staff each shift with two full-time firefighter/paramedics.

05-05-01-05 WAGES

Motion by Councilor Colford to approve the last position for a firefighter/paramedic at \$56,906.00. The motion failed for lack of a second.

05-05-10-30 EMS SUPPLIES

Manager Lessard said this line item needed to be increased to \$7,800.00 because the hospital will no longer refill the ambulance kit at no charge.

The new proposed total amount for Fire Department is \$770,526.00.

05-03 NON-DEPARTMENT UTILITIES

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$405,300.00.

40-10 GENERAL ASSISTANCE

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$10,000.00.

45-10 COUNTY TAX

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$545,837.05.

50-10 DEBT SERVICE

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$384,593.00.

25-10 THE BUS

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$40,000.00.

65-10 SAD 22

No change was made to the proposed total amount of \$4,970,471.65.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Denise R. Hodsdon
Town Clerk