

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2015
Milton Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Selectman Chair Tom F. Gray, Selectman J. Michael Beaulieu, Selectman Andrew O. Rawson, Town Administrator Elizabeth Dionne.

Public in attendance: Larry Brown, Les Elder, Rich Krauss, Evan Favorite, Nick Marique, Bob Carrier, John Katwick, Michelle Beauchamp, Pat Smith.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 5:40pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following budgets were presented to the Selectmen.

Fire Department: Chief Nick Marique presented the budget at \$412,428.22 represent an overall decrease. Salary FT line decreased due to staff turnover. Salary PT increased to where it should be and was prior to a cut last year. Salary Elected increased due to 1.7% COLA and 2% Merit. FICA and Medicare lines increased slightly. NHRS increased due to the mandatory contribution rate. Uniforms increased due to the vendor increasing the cost per uniforms to \$100.00 per set. Contracted Services increased due to a new maintenance contract for the photocopier, dues and subscriptions increasing, and e-dispatch services for the pagers. Electric increased due to a scheduled 6% increase in 2016. Heat increased due to need. Water increased due to a 15% increase for 2016. Diesel fuel increased due to call volume. Usage. Vehicle Maintenance increased due to need. Lease Payment Pumper decreased to zero as this annual payment is no longer in this budget. It has been transferred to the Contingency and Bonding budget. Equipment Purchase has increased due to need. FT EMS on call is a new line for the two full-timers who also respond to calls when off duty. Their wages for these calls must be kept separate from the FT salary line.

Emergency Management: EM Director Nick Marique presented the budget at \$4,308.00 representing an increase of \$306.00 due to addition of FICA and Medicare lines for the EMD Salary. The FICA and Medicare had previously come out of the Fire Department Budget.

Police Department: Chief Rich Krauss presented the budget at \$959,806.00 which represents an increase of \$92,531.00. Salary FT increased due to 1.7% COLA, \$10,000 overtime increase, and the SRO grant. Salary Administrative Assistant increased due to 1.7% COLA and 2% merit. FICA and Medicare lines increased. NHRS increased due to an increase in wages and a mandated rate increase last year for six months and remains in effect for 12 months of this year. Electricity increased by 6% scheduled for 2016.

Highway Department: Public Works Director Pat Smith presented the budget at \$638,140.00 which is an increase of \$15,278.00. Salary FT decreased due to turnover and entry level pay. Salary PT increased due to 1.7% COLA and 2% merit. Salary Elected increased due to 1.7% COLA and 2% merit. FICA and Medicare lines decreased slightly. Contracted Services increased due to the NH DOT no longer striping certain state roads in Milton due to their own budget cuts. Striping had to be budgeted for approximately five miles of roads around the school area and downtown areas. Striping is a cost 6.5¢ per foot. Electric increased by 6% due in 2016. Operating Supplies increased due to the cost of salt and salt increasing significantly. Membership/Dues was reduced from \$300.00 to \$1.00 due to lack of need.

Government Buildings Department: Public Works Director Pat Smith presented the budget at \$175,747.00 which is an increase of \$5,706.00. Salary FT and Salary PT increased due to 1.7% COLA and 2% merit. FICA and Medicare increased slightly. Contracted services increased due to a new boiler maintenance price, the addition of the new Library elevator annual inspection, licensing and maintenance contract. Electric increased by 6% due in 2016. Water increased by 15% due in 2016.

Solid Waste Department: Public Works Director Pat Smith presented the budget at \$187,923.00 which is an increase of \$3,384.00. Salary FT and Salary PT increased due to 1.7% COLA and 2% merit. FICA and Medicare lines increased slightly. Training increased by \$100.00 due to the need for scale certifications for the staff. Contracted services increased by \$210.00 for leaf disposal. Electric increased by 6% due in 2016. Telephone increased due to data usage for the "square reader" used at the Transfer Station which allows for debit/credit card usage.

Other Business: E. Dionne requested the Selectmen approve a letter of support for a business owner who will be leasing the Milton Mills Variety Store at 13 Main Street. The letter is for the Liquor Commission regarding the sale of beer, wine, and tobacco. A. Rawson moved to authorize the Town Administrator to send a letter on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to the NH State Liquor Commission in support of the application to sell beer, wine, and tobacco at the Milton Mills Variety Store located at 13 Main Street, Milton Mills. Motion seconded by T. Gray. Motion carried.

Adjournment: T. Gray moved to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3,II,a,c,d. Motion seconded by A. Rawson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Dionne, Town Administrator

Chairman Tom F. Gray

J. Michael Beaulieu

Andrew O. Rawson