

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2009

Members Present: Fred Goodrich, Chair, Michael Quinlivan, Vice Chair
John F. Malone, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: Richard Fenton, Finance Committee

Chairman (FG) opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

(CB) provided spreadsheets of all the proposed FY10 budget cuts provided by Finance, (FG), (JM) and (CB).

Finance has used all free cash in their calculations but (CB) has held back on using all free cash.

(RF) stated that he would rather see an override than lose Recreation, Library, and COA.

BOS discussed the expenses incurred from the December Ice Storm, which would be reduced by any reimbursement from FEMA. Would hope that this would be covered by a debt exclusion, which would need a ballot vote by June 30, 2009.

(JM) asked that it be noted for the record that if RASA is zero that they will restore cut budget items. The BOS so noted.

The budgets were reviewed and the following was agreed:

Account	Budget	Proposed	Motion	Seconded	Third	Passed	Comments
1114	Moderator	100	(FG)	(JM)	(MQ)	100	
1122	Selectboard	74562	(FG)	(MQ)	NO (JM)	74562	
1123	Town Administrator	84700	(FG)	(JM)	(MQ)	84700	
1129	TSC	21307	(JM)	(FG)	NO (MQ)	21307	Temp help removed & reduced hrs
1131	Finance	325	(JM)	(MQ)	(FG)	325	
1132	Reserve Fund	40000	(JM)	(MQ)	(FG)	40000	
1135	Town Accountant	26903	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	26903	
1141	Assessors	75734	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	75734	
1145	Treasurer	36907	(MQ)	(FG)		36907	Duplicate dues.

							Reduced asst hrs
1146	Collector	39703	(MQ)	(FG)		39703	
1151	Legal	25000	(FG)	(JM)	(MQ)	25000	
1152	PAB	0	(FG)	(JM)	(MQ)	0	
1155	MIS	21016	(FG)	(JM)	(MQ)	21016	
1161	Town Clerk	28740	(FG)	(MQ)	(JM) recused	28740	25 hrs for T. Clerk \$18.77 per hr
1162	Elections	12150	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	12150	
1163	Registrars	2300	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	2300	
1171	Conservation	1321	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	1321	
1175	Pl. Board	1150	(JM)	(MQ)	(FG)	1150	Defer new budget
1176	ZBA	1394	(JM)	(MQ)	(FG)	1394	
1177	Reg. Pl.	1057	(JM)	(MQ)	(FG)	1057	
1180	PHP	0	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	0	
1183	Paxton Historic Dist.	50	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	50	
1192	Pub. Building	20024	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	20024	
1193	Insurance & Bonds	11485	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	11485	
1196	Town Reports	2000	(FG)	(MQ)	NO (JM)	2000	No delivery of Warrants
1199	Town Clock	360	(FG)	(JM)	(MQ)	360	
1910	Town Emp. Ins.	390124	(FG)	(JM)	(MQ)	390124	
1210	Police Dept.	776543					No decision reached
1220	Fire Dept.	217446	(JM)	(FG)	NO (MQ)	217446	
1232	EMS	207592	(MQ)	(FG)	NO (JM)	207592	
1241	Building Commissioner	22132	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	22132	
1243	Plumbing Insp.	4000					Defer new budget coming
1245	Insp. of Wires	3433	(FG)	(JM)	(MQ)	3433	
1250	Public Safety Building	32360	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	32360	
1291	Emergency Mgt	1311	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	1311	
1292	ACO	6844	(FG)	(MQ)	NO (JM)	6844	(JM) requesting zero
1294	Forestry	0	(MQ)	(JM)	(FG)	0	
1295	Tree Warden	1160	(JM)	(MQ)	(FG)	1160	
1421	Highway Dept.	386659	(MQ)	(FG)	NO (JM)	386659	
1423	Snow Removal	14738	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	14738	

1424	Street Lights	22200	(FG)	NO (JM)	(MQ) request more info		
1443	Waste Collection	257605	(FG)	(JM)	(MQ)	257605	
1491	Cemetery Commission	8133	(FG)	(MQ)	NO (JM)	8133	(JM) requesting zero
1515	Sanitation Eng.	8531	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	8531	(CB) to discuss with Sanitation Eng
1519	Insp. of Animals	376	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	376	
1510	BOH	2588					Defer new budget coming
1541	COA	53950	(MQ)	(FG)	NO (JM)	53950	(JM) requesting zero
1543	Veteran's Agent	2662	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	2662	
1549	Umass Mem Health	1500	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	1500	
1610	Library	139786					Defer. (JM) requesting zero
1630	Recreation	46112	(FG)	(MQ)	NO (JM)	46112	(JM) requesting zero
1691	Historical Commission	300	(MQ)	(FG)	NO (JM)	300	(JM) requesting zero
1710	Notes & Bonds	862698	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	862698	
1751	Notes & Bonds Int.	548081	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	548081	
1752	Temporary Loan Int.	5000	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	5000	
1911	Unemployment	1000	(JM)	(MQ)	(FG)	1000	
1912	Worcester County	17095	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)		
1915	Central Purchasing	155131	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	155131	
	Wage & Salary Increase	30000	(JM)	NO (FG)	NO (MQ)	0	
	Overlay	50000	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	50000	
	State Charges	58787	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	58787	
	Offsets	8000	(JM)	(FG)	(MQ)	8000	
1310	Bay Path	163684	(FG)	(JM)	(MQ)	163684	
1300	Wachusett	4647587	Meeting with Superintendent tomorrow				

Deirdre Malone, Town Clerk asked when a definite decision would be made regarding the Town Clerk salary as this information would be needed for anyone interested in running for this elected position.

(FG) stated not until Finance Committee agree and (CB) has had a chance to review numbers.

(FG) stated that they would meet Dr. Pandiscio tomorrow and that he wanted to review the history of why they have no reserves. He would like to conduct a gentlemanly meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm (JM) second (FG) – All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant