

# **Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen**

## **Budget Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 1, 2010**

Members Present: Fred Goodrich, Chair,  
Bill Trotta, Vice Chair  
Peter Bogren, Jr., Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Public Safety Complex**

- Discussed once again the lights in the Apparatus Bay – cost to keep these night lights on is \$619 a year, to change what we currently have could cost up to \$6000. Building Committee voted at their meeting today to leave in the hands of (CB).
- BOS suggested making the public aware of the cost of these night-lights. (CB) will put something on the website.

### **Police Department – Chief Robert Desrosiers**

- Reviewed the Police Department FY11 budget request with the Police Chief. The department is currently down one patrolman, budget presented would restore this position, and starting salary is \$42,000. Chief sees this as a safety issue to avoid uncovered shifts.
- BOS agreed that they supported Chief Desrosiers recommendation.
- Vehicle maintenance costs are up due to aging fleet, Chief Desrosiers would like to purchase a new vehicle and retire one.
- (CB) suggested that this could be paid for from the Capital Depreciation Fund.
- (FG) questioned the amount for specialized training. Chief Desrosiers responded that this was with the Sheriffs Department. They are starting to host training session at the Public Safety Complex, and in return are receiving free places in the classes for his department.
- The Prisoner Cells are now approved, so prisoners will no longer need to be sent out of town.
- Chief Desrosiers has included money for the Quinn Bill in his budget; only officers starting

with the department after July 1, 2009 are eligible unless they qualified in a previous town.

- Currently only effects 4 officers.

**Emergency Management – Charlie Bolster Jr.**

- Charlie Bolster provided the BOS with information on what he would need for setting up a CERT Team, he has not got all the costs together as yet.
- Looking to provide training and form divisions within Town with a coordinator, he is willing to do some of the training at no cost to the Town.
- (PB) asked that Charlie Bolster put together a prioritized needs list to get started with this.

**Town Administrators Evaluation**

- (PB) asked in fairness to (CB) if they could have more time to do this, as not due until April 2010.
- (WT) agreed with this.
- (FG) he was looking to complete before finalizing the budget

**Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to adjourn meeting at 8:45PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches  
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