

Town of Seabrook  
Budget Committee  
September 21, 2022

Members Present: Chris LeClaire, Mike O'Connor, Srinivasan Ravikumar, Steve Mower, Barbara Mower, Jim Diburro and Kelli Hueber

Absent Members: Don Hawkins and Ella Brown

Chairman Chris LeClaire opened the meeting up at 6:30PM.

**180 IT**

Brian Murphy, IT Director presented the budget for accounts 180 and 181, as there is a slight increase due to contractual items and the prices of material, supplies and labor has gone up.

-To approve budget 180

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

Unanimous

**181 Channel 22**

-To approve budget 181

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

Unanimous

**181 Channel 22 Revenue**

-To approve revenues for 181

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

Unanimous

## **220 Police Department**

Chief Brett Walker presented the budget, with the highlights of a 4% increase due to contractual items, and the price energy and fuel prices rapidly rising. There was a discussion held with the committee and Bill Manzi, Town Manager regarding if fuel and energy is considered a contractual item. Manzi expressed he sees them as contractual that the department needs fuel to operate the patrol cars, and heat for the building, along with electric. The committee and Manzi agreed that going forwards gas and electric will be placed under a different category on intro page of the budget.

-To approve budget 220

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

Unanimous

## **220 Police Department Revenue**

-To approve revenues for 220

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

Unanimous

## **225 Police Station**

Chief Walker told the committee that this budget is for the actual police building, which contains one employee for maintenance, but expressed he has been out of work for all of this year.

-To approve budget 225

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

Unanimous

## **420 Animal Control**

Chief walker presented the budget, as the slight increase is due to adding more money into the overtime line, as the Animal Control Officer has been getting called to more calls over time.

-To approve budget 420

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

Unanimous

### **230 Fire Department**

Chief William Edwards was presented his budget to the committee, he stated there has been about a 10% increase, which is about \$611,926. He said that there are 20 full time firefighters and 4 dispatchers, which equal out 5 per a shift, that has been that way since 2003. The 10% increase highlights are due to contractual items and overtime. There was a conversation about overtime and why the amount is so high, Chief Edwards broke it down to the committee, that when they get a call, additional personal has to be called in the cover the station, therefor they are receiving overtime, Edwards stated that for the overtime to go down he would need 4-8 more fire fighters, which has been turned down by the voters in the past.

-To approve budget 230

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: K Hueber

Unanimous

### **230 Fire Department Revenue**

-To approve revenues for 230

Motion: Ravi

Second: J DiBurro

Unanimous

### **231 Fire Hire**

-To approve budget 231

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: J DiBurro

Unanimous

### **231 Fire Hire Revenues**

-To approve Revenues for 231

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: J DiBurro

Unanimous

### **235 Fire Station**

-To approve budget 235

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: K Hueber

Unanimous

### **240 EM**

-To approve budget 240

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: J DiBurro

Unanimous

### **241 EM RERP**

-To approve budget 241

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

Unanimous

### **241 EM RERP Revenue**

-To approve revenues for 241

Motion: J DiBurro

Second: Ravi

Unanimous

### **Warrant Articles**

Bill Manzi presented the 2023 Draft Warrant with the committee. Fire Chief, William Edwards and Police Chief, Brett Walker presented there articles to the committee.

**Article 8 – Fire Department Building Maintenance \$50,000**

Chief Edwards said this article is for building maintenance at the fire station which would include, HVAC system, sprinkler system and shower renovations.

-To recommend article 8

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: J DiBurro

**Article 9 – Fire Department SCBA Gear Fund \$90,000**

Chief Edwards explained this is an article that is on the ballot every year, but this past march it was denied, therefor the amount of this article is increased because the fund is getting low.

-To recommend article 9

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: J DiBurro

**Article 18 – Replace Insulation Apparatus Bay \$100,000**

-To recommend article 18

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: J DiBurro

**Article 22 – Police Capital Reserve Fund \$35,000**

Chief Walker explained this article is to start saving for equipment for 2025, the equipment is tasers, firearms, protective vests and digital equipment for cruisers.

-To recommend article 22

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

**Article 23 – Police Department Women's Locker Room \$40,000**

Chief Walker stated this article is to renovate the women's locker room, as it has not been updated since constructed in the 1980's.

-To recommend article 23

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

**Article 24 – Police Department Air Conditioning \$38,500**

Chief Walker said this article was on the ballot the past March 2022 and it failed. Most of the HVAC has failed the past two years.

-To recommend article 24

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

**Article 25 – Police Department Restore Weight Room \$11,000**

Chief Walker explained this room has not been updated since 1986, the flooring is carpet and is in poor condition. All of the weight machines are fairly new and are in good shape, which was either donated or purchased by the Seabrook Police Union.

-To recommend article 25

Motion: M O'Connor

Second: Ravi

Chairman LeClaire closed the meeting at 8:33PM