

ST. GEORGE BUDGET COMMITTEE
St. George Town Office
MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2019

The Budget Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Elizabeth.
Members present were: Dave Percival, Crystal Tarjick, Richard Cohen, Brian Higley, Liz May, Susy Ellis, Terri Baines and Gerry Hall.

Changes/Additions to Agenda

Review of the Quarter One Finances

Utilities were under budget over some of the departments. Terri didn't create the budget so she is not sure why it is under over a few departments.

Software licensing fees paid: do all departments have the same software. Terri said that we all have Trio, but different offices/department have different due dates. Assessing is billed quarterly and Trio is yearly.

Over on employee benefits over a few departments. Extra weeks in some of the months so extra weeks in pay period.

Town Office:

- Property maps are the tax maps in the town office. The town buys the maps on a CD and the town is required to buy them every year for the April 1.
- What are accounts 5163 and 5165? Elections payroll and overtime for office employees during elections.
- How many times is insurance billed? Twice a year.
- Workshop heavy? It is just about the timing for when the workshops happen.

Select Board and Assessors: no questions in this department.

Planning:

- The Conservation Commission did a lot of work on the two new properties while it was summer.

Fire Department:

- Are the stairs complete? Believe so. Is the balance being planned to be used up? Not sure. Will check at Select Board meeting.

Animal Control:

- Why was the vet bill so high? Someone brought in a stray, they did x-rays and some other tests and because it was a stray, the town pays for it. The owner was subsequently found and the dog was returned.

Roads and Property Management:

- Concerned about contracted services (7102) about the fuel line (8162)? Contracted services was filling in on the shoulders of the newly paved roads. No concerns on fuel line.
- Salt and sand line is to prep for winter and fill up the shed for the road crew.

Solid Waste, General Assistance, Social Services:

- Reason why supplies is so high? It was summer and that's the busy season. Terri could print it off for us and email to us. Trash bags and Purell are included in supplies.
- Nothing for General Assistance
- When does money go to library? It's gone as of today's meeting.

Recreation: no questions in this department.

Harbors:

- Is the debt payment on track? Percentage is off for quarter but maybe it's the payment structure. Spring payment was due and made for the bond. Once both property and bond payments are made, it will make more sense.
- What is municipal boat? It is the Harbor Master's boat.

Unclassified:

- Are we under budgeted for family health? Terri thinks yes because there are a few more employees who have been hired that have other family members.
- Select Board will be able to transfer funds at the end of the year to cover this line item.
- 38 Main Street – we may not have to spend anything on this now due to the lease

Trust Accounts

- Depreciation factor? Our stocks that we have invested in, if we were to cash them out as of the report date, would lose money.

Non-Profit Discussion to find overlap

Liz

- Broadreach - they are out of business
- New Hope for Women – tightly run company regarding domestic violence, will vouch for them if the Select Board questions the amount

Dave

- Penquis – range of services, childcare, head-start, home buyer education, low income assistance programs and low income energy assistance

Crystal

- Spectrum Generations – Meals on Wheels and service assistance for Medicare and Medicaid and others

Susy

- WCAP – Waldo County Community Action Program, transport people to dialysis in Damariscotta, Belfast and Portland

- Midcoast Maine CAP - head start but we didn't receive their request by the date

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Elizabeth May to accept meeting minutes from September 12. Dave Percival seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 with a motion from Crystal Tarjick and seconded by Elizabeth May.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal L. Tarjick
Recording Secretary