

St George Budget Committee Meeting Minutes October 22nd, 2018

Meeting convened at 6:05 with the following members present: Susy Ellis, Chair, Scott Vaitones, Richard Cohen, Earl Ludman, David Percival. New member Crystal Tarjita was introduced and welcomed to the committee. Also present was Elizabeth Curtis, Finance Director and Jerry Hall, Select Board Representative.

Review of the minutes from the August 6th meeting was made and with no adjustments noted, the motion to accept the minutes was made by Richard Cohen and seconded by Earl Ludman. Minutes accepted.

A review of the First Quarter, FY 2019 was conducted.

Town Office:

It was noted that the Office Expenses were high and that more attention should be spent on managing this line item.

Public Communications was identified as a high expense for the quarter. It was noted that the Town had sent out a newsletter in response to improve communications to residents.

A discussion on the status of the use of solar power for the Town Hall building was held. Problems were brought up with CMP and how they are paid based on rates and how the Town is reimbursed.

Fire Department:

Earl Ludman asked about the water hole expenses. An unexpected maintenance item was discovered that resulted in this increase.

The dispatch expenses were high because they are paid at the front end of the FY.

Roads/Property Management:

Line item 5162 covers that additional expense of personnel that were needed to cover for Steve Jarrett while he was ill.

It was noted by Susy that the Town resurfaces 3 miles of town roads each year. This resurfacing is planned for next year

Line item 7143 is new and has to do with an ADA requirement for crosswalks. A cut has to be made on the edges of sidewalks in designated crossing points to allow access for wheelchairs.

Solid Waste:

A Solid Waste License is required by the state.

Social/Community Services

Earle note an expense for a generator. The new generator will be use at the school when it becomes necessary due to an emergency to open the warming shelter now relocated to the school.

Richard noted that the Town funds monies to the Ambulance Service. This is apart from the Fire Department and is an independent entity.

Recreation:

It was noted that Line Item 9407, Community Recreation, included trips for all age groups to various events particularly suited to a particular age group.

Harbors:

It was questioned about the 94K and it is for deby payment for 10 Cold Storage.

Unclassified:

The funding for the Overlay is related to the tax abatement and can't be spent. This entry is new and is a means to keep the tax and mil rate down.

The Town will go out with an RFP with the intent of finding an agency to perform a Town Audit.

A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Scott to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted,

David Percival