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Maryann P. Boord
First Selectman

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 5, 1992

Called to order: 5:33 p.m.
Present: Maryann P. Boord, First Selectman
Francis E. Korn, Selectman
Robert F. Hall, Selectman

Others: Robert Morpurgo, Fire Marshal
Karen Gleason, The Middletown Press
Maria Alvarez, The Hartford Courant

Budgets

Robert Morpurgo, Fire Marshal, was present to discuss his budget (line items 4035 and 4036) with the Board of Selectmen. He told the Board that four years ago, M.J. Jewczyn (former First Selectman) and he set flat rates for most of his office expenses, i.e., 5 hrs/mo was set up for training totaling $1,500 ($750 he gives to his Deputy for training and $750 is for his own training which he must have for certification).

Re Mileage: the request is for the wear and tear on his own car, which he uses for all Fire Marshal work. It was arranged with M. J. Jewczyn that he would be paid a flat rate for this, also. He reported that when the State notifies him that Kurt Bober, Deputy Fire Marshal, has completed x amount of hours of training, he, the fire marshal, reimburses Kurt for the training. F. Korn stressed that reimbursement should be paid directly to Mr. Bober. M. Boord added that there should be documentation of when held and how long each of the training sessions is. Mr. Morpurgo explained that the state does not charge for its courses. He added that Mr. Bober does not get mileage reimbursement.

Re Communications ($300) the request is for his pager ($200); he had to rent portables for the Fair ($100); he feels, however, that $200 would be enough to cover him for just the cost of his pager.

Re Departmental Supplies: this is for film processing. The line item for hand tools is for flashlights, gloves, batteries, anything used in the field. Re Office Expense: postage, printing stationary (he suggested eliminating the $50 for this).

Re Subscriptions: it costs $395/yr for NFP membership...he did not

join this year (he explained he takes $125 from this account and then more from hand tools for the membership).

M. Boord questioned the time spent by him and his deputy. Mr. Morpurgo explained that he is actually out in the field or doing office work for 22 hrs/wk,; his deputy spends 15-16 hrs/wk.

F. Korn and R. Hall noted that the numbers seem realistic but all expenses MUST be much better documented. M. Boord explained that the auditor would certainly agree.

BUDGETS APPROVED AT THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
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2002 Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency $2,755
2509 Town Hall Improvements $1,685 (add $25 to explanation for "remote indicator")
2518 Insurance (liability) $80,709
2519 Insurance (payroll related) $315,799
4035 Fire Marshal's Salary $7,500
4036 Fire Marshal's Expenses $8,345 (reduce mileage to $800)
5002 Library Expenses $145,401*
5502 Recreation Expenses $21,957
6501 Ambulance Corps Reserve $0
6502 Fire Dept. Reserve $50,000**
6503 Highway Reserve recommend retaining $30,000 (for replacement of the International)
Reval Reserve $0 no new money but retain $23,793.22 in reserve
Building Maintenance Reserve $0 (retain $56,211 in reserve due to concerns about the ambulance heating system, library air conditioner, town hall furnace)
Highway Projects Reserve (MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO TAKE $80,000 FROM THIS RESERVE AND TRANSFER INTO THE SAW MILL BRIDGE RESERVE; 3 AYES)
6508 Assessor's Mapping Reserve $0 (MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO ELIMINATE THIS LINE ITEM; 3 AYES)

Re Burning Official's request for fees: The Board agreed to consider it seriously at a needed time.

* The Board recommended keeping the Children's Librarian's hours at 16/wk. They did not recommend $1,000 for the reserve fund for air conditioning. The Board unanimously agreed to approve a total of $145,401 if the rest of the budget (including the copier but excluding the cost increases for salaries) was reduced by $1,800. Suggested areas: mileage and books.

**To be reconsidered; when it becomes necessary to financially compensate for the service, the fire marshal can accept those duties.

Minutes

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 2-20-92; 3 AYES.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 2-26-92; 3 AYES.

Resignation

Resignation received, with regret, from Brian Garbarino from the Board of Tax Review.

Binding Arbitration

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE BINDING ARBITRATION LAW AND THE REQUEST TO JOHN LARSON, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE TO CONSIDER THE BOARD'S CONCERNS; 3 AYES.

CT Valley Tourism Grants

Durham has two requests for the matching grant, although any award to one town must be disbursed among its recipients.
a. Request from PALS to do postcards of 5 Durham scenes;
b. Request from the Washington Trail Road Race Committee for the annual road race.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND R. HALL, TO APPROVE FORWARDING BOTH REQUESTS TO THE TOURISM COMMISSION; 3 AYES.

Special Town Meeting

Two items are ready for town meeting approval:
a. amendment to the Zoning Regulations;
b. NU tree trimming presentation.

A date will be set at the next meeting. F. Korn requested that either Geoffrey Colegrove or Cathy Hamma attend the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss the amendments.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Rosa DeLauro, thanking M. Boord for the recent meeting Ms. DeLauro had with both Durham and Middlefield.

2. Letter from SNET representative Robert E. Larson telling the town that in the event of a loss of power, there is a 24-hour backup now and all calls will be transferred to Valley Shore Communications.

3. Financial statement received from the Washington Trail Road Race committee.

4. Letter from Don Berry, DEP, retiring March 1, 1992, from the state forest services.

Public Comments

none

Selectmen's Concerns

none

Update From the First Selectman

1. We received the Bronze Award from the United Way.

2. The reimbursement for Hurricane Bob has been received.

3. The Tax Collector informs her that collections are up from last month; we were 3.1% behind in collections last month on the current grand list; now only 1.9% behind. In order to bring the total to 100% collections, $278,143 in taxes would have to be paid.

4. The Selectmen and Board of Finance have received an updated time line from Midstate Regional Planning Agency (to do with the Trinity Project administration) for approval of their money from Durham.

5. Tuesday, March 10, 1992, is Student Government Day.

6. There is a second working well on the Trinity site giving 7 gal/min. Jane Mauro, Cathy Hamma, the architect, and the engineer recently met again with FmHA representatives for final application preparation. Our filing status has been elevated to "next-in-line."

7. A Joint site meeting will be held with Little League and Recreation officials to discuss use of the small field behind Allyn Brook Park.

8. A form has been received from the Treasurer informing the Board of her monthly wire transfers.

9. Sam Gejdenson will hold a town meeting in Town Hall on March 22, 1992, from 1-2 p.m. for the area residents.

10. DPUC will receive verbal arguments in the Durham Center Water Co. case next week; M. Boord and Town Counsel will attend the hearing.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.