

Prospect Town Council
Special Budget Meeting
Approved Minutes
March 3, 2015

The Special Meeting of the Prospect Town Council was called to order by Chairman Thomas J. Galvin @ 6:00 P.M. and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at the Prospect Town Hall, 36 Center Street. The meeting was taped.

Members Present: T. Graveline, S. Pilat, J. Slapikas, C. Graveline, D. Merriman, Al Delelle, P. Geary @ 6:07 P.M., Carla Perugini-Erickson and T. Galvin

Members Absent: None

Mayor Robert J. Chatfield advised that the Town is in good shape and proceeded to advise of the Budget including a 2.5% increase for Town Hall Employees that mirrors the Union contract of Public Works. Mayor Chatfield advised that the elected officials' increase will be at 5% which is over a 2 year time period.

Mayor Chatfield introduced the Budget:

Office of the Mayor (#5000) **(Increase \$12,835.00)**
Probate Court (#5050) **(Increase \$750.00)**
Zoning Board of Appeals (#5100) **(No Change)**
Elections & Registrars (#5150) **(Increase \$5,292.00)**
Auditor (#5200) **(No Change)**
Assessor (#5250) **(Increase \$2,269.00)**
Board of Assessment Appeals (#5300) **(No Change)**
Tax Collector: C.C.MC. (#5350) **(Decrease \$5,546.00)**
Treasurer (#5400) **(Increase \$3,324.00)**
Legal Fees (#5450) **(No Change)**
Town Clerk (#5500) **(Decrease \$4,997.00)**
Refund of Taxes (#5550) **(No Listed)**
Planning & Zoning Commission (#5600) **(No Change)**
Land Acquisition (#5650) **(Not Listed)**
Advertising & Printing (#5700) **(Increase \$850.00)**
Social Security (#5750) **(Increase \$5,000.00)**
Auto Process of Records (#5800) **(No Change)**
Building Department (#5850) **(Increase \$462.00)**
Water Pollution Authority (#5900) **(Increase \$1,765.00)**

Municipal Organizational Fees (#5950) **(Decrease \$602.00)**
Town Council (#6050) **(No Change)**
Town Buildings (#6100) **(Increase \$3,000)**
Unemploy. Comp. Tax (#6150) **(No Change)**
Benefits Town Employees (#6200) **(Increase \$44,937.00)**
Postage (#6250) **(No Change)**
Blight Commission (#6300) **(New added line item \$3,500.00)**
Conservation Commission (#6350) **(Decrease \$50.00)**
Inland Wetlands (#6400) **(No Change)**
Land Use Inspector (#6450) **(Decrease \$15,355.00)**
Historic Preservation (#6550) **(Increase \$300.00)**
Fire Protection (#6600) **(Increase \$1,800.00)**
Fire Marshall (#6650) **(Increase \$1,449.00)**
Police (#6700) **(Increase \$37,051.20)**
Insurance (#6750) **(Increase \$4,847.00)**
Emergency Management (#6800) **(No Change)**
Household Hazardous Waste (#6850) **(Increase \$14,000)**
911 Service (#6900) **(Increase \$4,505.00)**
Solid Waste (#6950) **(Increase \$17,200.00)**
Town Roads (#7000) **(Increase \$1,356.00)**
Ice & Snow (#7050) **(Increase \$42,000.00)**
Street Lighting (#7100) **(Increase \$500.00)**
Town Trucks (#7150) **(Decrease \$11,380.00)**
Town Aid Roads (#7200) **(No Change)**
Road Reconstruction (#7250) **(Increase \$1,680.00)**
Parks (#7300) **(Increase \$6,185.00)**
Library (#7350) **(Increase \$2,457.00)**
Recreation (#7400) **(Increase \$9,053.00)**
Holiday Observances (#7450) **(No Change)**
Youth – Summer Activities (#7500) **(No Change)**
Health (#7550) **(Increase \$223.00)**
Commission on Aging (#7650) **(Increase \$4,324.40)**
Prospect Animal Control (#7700) **(Decrease \$1,537.40)**
Contingency (#7750) **(Decrease \$4,000.00)**
Economic Development Commission (#7750) **(Increase \$400.00)**
Interest (#7800) **(Decrease \$7,833.44)**
Principal (#7800) **(Increase \$112,093.00)**
Truck Lease (#7850) **(Decrease \$920.07)**
Cap & Non-Rec Expense (#7900) **(Not Listed)**
Open Space (#7950) **(Not Listed)**
Storm Water (#8000) **(No Change)**
Scott Road (#8050) **(Not Listed)**

Mayor Chatfield also presented to the Council the 27 line items that the Council has very little discretion with:

- Probate Court (#5050)
- Auditor (#5200)
- Legal Fees (#5450)
- Refund of Taxes (#5550)
- Advertising and Printing (#5700)
- Social Security (#5750)
- Auto Process of Records (#5800)
- Municipal Organizational Fees (#5950)
- Prospect Town Council (#6050)
- Unemploy. Comp. Tax (#6150)
- Postage (#6250)
- Blight Commission (#6300)
- Conservation Commission (#6350)
- Inland Wetlands (#6400)
- Historic Preservation (#6550)
- Emergency Management (#6800)
- Household Hazardous Waste (#6850)
- 911 Service (#6900)
- Street Lighting (#7100)
- Holiday Observances (#7450)
- Youth – Summer Activities (#7500)
- Health (#7550)
- Debt Service – Interest (#7800)
- Debt Service – Principal (#7800)
- Truck Lease (#7850)
- Storm Water (#8000)

T. Galvin requested a motion to approve the 27 line items that the Council has very little discretion with. **Motion made by D. Merriman to approve the 27 line items that the Council has very little discretion with. Motion seconded by S. Pilat.**

C. Graveline asked to discuss the Prospect Town Council line item (#6050) at a future meeting. T. Graveline requested to change the wording of Blight Commission (#6300) to Anti-Blight Commission. Discussion. T. Galvin asked to amend the motion from 27 line items to 26 line items and to change the wording from Blight Commission (#6300) to Anti-Blight Commission (#6300). **Motion made by D. Merriman to amend the motion and to approve the 26 line items along with the change to the wording from Blight Commission (#6300) to Anti-Blight Commission (#6300). Motion seconded by S. Pilat. Unanimous.**

Mayor Chatfield advised that the total for the Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 was \$7,819,750.69 for an increase of 3.35% or \$251,686.60.

The meeting closed @ 6:37 P.M.

Thomas J. Galvin, Chairman

Rosalyn B. Moffo, Clerk