

Prospect Town Council
Special Meeting
Budget Workshop
Unapproved Minutes
March 12, 2016

The Special Meeting of the Prospect Town Council was called to order by Chairman Thomas J. Galvin @ 9:00 a.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: J. Slapikas, D. Merriman, Al Delelle, P. Geary, Larry Fitzgerald, Carla Perugini-Erickson @ 9:11 a.m. and T. Galvin

Members Absent: Carl Graveline, Stan Pilat

Mayor Robert J. Chatfield requested of the Council a motion to approve the Resolution of the Prospect Town Council #2015-07 Proposal. **Motion** made by P. Geary, seconded by D. Merriman to approve the Resolution of the Prospect Town Council #2015-07 Proposal for a Regional Revaluation and Parcel Mapping Program Study Funded through the Regional Performance Incentive Program. Discussion. A vote was taken.

5 Approved/1 Opposed, P. Geary. Motion passes.

Mayor Chatfield updated the Council on the Community School Purchase and advised that there will be a Region 16 Regional Vote on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 between 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Long River Middle School.

Assessor #5250: A discussion took place regarding entering a dollar amount for Line Item #5250-07 Revaluation SM. After discussion, **Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by J. Slapikas to approve the amount of \$20,000 to be added to Line Item #5250-07 Revaluation SM. The Council suggested adding more into this line item. **Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by J. Slapikas to amend the motion and to adjust the amount to \$30,000 for Line Item #5250-07 Revaluation SM. J. Slapikas stated that the amount could be reconsidered as the Budget process moved forward.

Unanimous. P. Geary questioned Line Item #5250-09 Field Inspections regarding \$2,500 as a stipend. Mayor Chatfield advised that he will speak with the Assessor regarding this matter. After discussion, **Motion** made by J. Slapikas, seconded by Al Delelle to approve the Budget of the Assessor #5250 as amended and to add \$20,000 to Line Item #5250-07 Revaluation SM for a bottom line total of \$121,174 and to revisit Line Items #5250-07 Revaluation SM and #5250-09 Field Inspections. **6 Approved/ 1 Opposed, P. Geary.**

Motion passes.

Recreation #7400: Mayor Chatfield stated that the Council shouldn't act on the Budget of the Recreation Department as he would like more information on the watercourse that runs near the designated area to add a new Basketball Court at Hotchkiss Field. Mayor Chatfield, J. Slapikas and P. Geary stated that they are not in favor of paving the

Walker's path. J. Slapikas also added that the \$110,000 for Park Development that the Park & Rec Department requested included the addition of the 2nd Basketball Court and he wants to know the cost for reconstruction of the existing Basketball Court and stated that though the Department needs monies to have for maintenance on the park, he did not feel at this time that the 2nd Basketball Court was necessary.

Motion made by P. Geary, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to table the Budget of Recreation #7400. **Unanimous.**

Planning & Zoning Commission #5600: **Motion** made by P. Geary, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to approve the Budget of the Planning & Zoning Commission #5600 in the amount of \$7,950.00 **Unanimous.**

Water Pollution Authority (WPCA) #5900: **Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by P. Geary to approve the Budget of the WPCA in the amount of \$136,626. P. Geary stated her concerns regarding Line Item #5900-05 Conferences. P. Geary stated that the amount of \$250.00, though budgeted it had not been used in the past few years. A discussion also had taken place regarding reimbursement of the Meeting Clerk, Clerk Special Meeting and Administrator and if this was one and the same person. Council members requested to revisit this Budget proposal. A vote was called for.

4 Approved/ 3 Opposed, L. Fitzgerald, P. Geary, and C. Perugini Erickson. Motion passes.

Insurance #6750: After discussion, **Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by J. Slapikas to approve the Budget of Insurance #6750 in the amount of \$273,662. **Unanimous.**

Mayor Chatfield gave an update on the 911 Service building stating that it is up for sale and the 911 Center will be moving to St. Mary's Hospital. Mayor Chatfield explained that going forward there is a State Mandate to have Regional 911 call centers.

Town Buildings #6100: Mayor Chatfield reviewed the expenses of the Town Buildings. Mayor Chatfield stated that he has joined a consortium through CCM for electric and heating oil; with a rate of \$1.74 per gallon for heating oil. Council members reviewed Line Item #6100-00 Maintenance Salaries in the amount of \$56,000 and Line Item #6100-07 Cont. Maintenance in the amount of \$57,000 and raised concerns on Line Item #6100-00 Maintenance Salaries and the overall increase of approximately \$21,000 from previous years. Mayor Chatfield explained that since the Town has taken over cleaning of the Fire House, the hours for the two cleaning ladies, has increased. The Council also discussed keeping the bottom line the same but moving monies within the Budget of Town Buildings. J. Slapikas suggested adding to Line Item #6100-04 Repairs & Supplies \$10,000 and taking from Line Item #6100-02 the amount of \$7,000 and making the bottom line \$438,000. After discussion, **Motion** made by J. Slapikas, seconded by Al Delelle to approve the suggested amount of **\$40,000 for Line Item #6100-02 Telephones** by the decreased amount of \$7,000 and decreasing Line Item **#6100-01 Electricity 25 Meters** by \$3,000 to bring that Line Item to a total of **\$84,000** and to add

to Line Item #6100-04 Repairs & Supplies \$10,000 + \$110,000 for a total of \$120,000 and keeping the bottom line total as is of \$435,000. Unanimous.

Adjournment: Motion made by D. Merriman, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.** The meeting adjourned @ 10:43 p.m.

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Chairman