

Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 9, 2018 Town Office
17 Highland Avenue
7:00 PM

7:00 PM Budget Meeting: Call To Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Sarah Fuller, Vice-Chair Linda Caprara, Councilor Priscilla Jenkins,
Councilor Rita Moran, Councilor Scott Eldridge
Excused: Councilors Buck and Wess

Finance Committee signed disbursement warrants

Ryan Frost introduced the 2018-2019 Municipal Budget with an overview of revenue to include a reduction at the ambulance service and transfer station.

Codes Officer Mark Arsenault provided information on the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Code Enforcement budget sections. Mark will take on more plumbing permits/inspections as he learns the plumbing code with our current plumbing inspector George Barr.

Town Clerk Lauri Carson gave information on budget sections from Elections and the Town Clerk's Office.

Ryan Frost gave the overview of the Assessing Department where we utilize the services of RJD Appraisal and have no town staff in that department. The Town Office staff takes appointments for the assessing office for the two days per week the assessors are in the office. The Town is saving on employee benefits.

Ryan Frost reported that there would be an increase in the GA Budget for wages for a part-time general assistance administrator with a slight reduction within the GA Budget to help offset the wage increase.

Melody Main gave a presentation for the Finance, Administration and Insurance areas of the budget. There is an increase in office supplies and telephone. Melody did increase the auditing services line in hopes of receiving multiple auditing services bids. She reported the town did not receive many bids and feels the auditing line can be reduced. Health Insurance costs will stay the same due to the flux in its use however there will be increase in workers comp. Computer Services was moved out of capital to Administration. County Tax will be an increase.

Ryan Frost reported that the Town Council budget had an increase due to an added position of a meeting minute taker in the amount of \$1,200.

Ryan Frost gave an overview of Executive Administration with a note that there would be increases in the training, mileage and association dues. The manager will not receive a pay raise this year.

Tamara Whitmore - Friends of Cobbossee Watershed spoke on the benefits of funding the fight against Milfoil.

Daniel Brooks presented the Fire Department budget reporting that he moved funds from his fuel account to the maintenance account for the fire trucks.

Daniel Brooks reported on a request to fund a safety study for all of our schools and town office in the Emergency Management Budget.

Daniel Cook stated the police and communications budget increases are only in the salary increases. He stated the bike position downtown would not be funded this year.

Adjourn.