

Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2005
Winthrop Town Office

- **The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Kevin Cookson.**

- **Roll Call**

Council Members Present: Kevin Cookson, Patrice Putman, David Rheaume, Jayne Despres, Bill MacDonald, Linda Caprara, Ken Buck

Others present: Cornell Knight (Town Manager), Police Chief Joe Young, Capt Ryan Frost, EMS Director John Dovinsky.

Ordered that the Winthrop Town Council meet to consider the following items:

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Putman to accept \$100 donation for the Ambulance Service and \$100 donation for the Fire Dept from the Schramms. Vote 5-0.

- **Item #53 Review the 2005-06 Municipal Budget. (Social Service Agency, Ambulance, Fire, Police, Communications.)**

Councilor Caprara and Councilor MacDonald arrive.

The information sheet from the Cobbossee Watershed District explaining the \$56,785 codes contract was reviewed. The council asked Mr. Knight to schedule a meeting when Bill Monagle could attend.

Motion by Cookson Seconded by Despres to table the CWD Codes contract until a meeting can be scheduled. Motion and second withdrawn.

The council reviewed the Contributions (Social Service Agency) budget. Discussed whether to eliminate funding for agencies.

John Dovinsky, EMS Director, presented his budget. Increase in training, creation of two Captain positions that are funded by changing the permanent part time positions to per diem. Discussion on the need of a 3rd ambulance on a lease purchase plan. Revenues will increase in part by adding a limited number of transfers.

Joe Young, Police Chief presented the Police and Communications budget. 1 more year of the grant to fund the school resource officer. Equipment line (#8220) can be reduced by \$660. No changes in the budget, most of the increase is from personnel/union contract increases. The communications budget is less than last year, due to the 12 hour shifts the dispatchers work, reduces the overtime.

Councilor Caprara leaves meeting.

Item # 54 Consider accepting forfeited drug money on behalf of the Police Department. Motion by MacDonald Seconded Putman to accept from the District Attorney's office \$8,405.60 in forfeited drug money from the Johnson and Steele cases. Vote 6-0.

Chief Young discussed the need for a new communications tower because the tree growth around the existing tower limits reception in certain areas of town. Councilor MacDonald recommended a letter to US Cellular requesting co location on their new tower.

The council reviewed the Fire dept budget. Mr. Knight recommended an adjustment of \$2,000 to the Chief's pay because of the hours he works as Chief. No action taken.

Councilor Rheaume briefed the council on the Public Safety Building Committee's progress and the problems encountered over the driveway entrance on Rte 202.

Further discussion on the social service funding budget.

Next budget meeting was scheduled for Wednesday April 20, 2005 at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.