

Minutes
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
January 13, 2009

Present: Al DeVito - chair, Ann Nelson, Sharon Estrella and Greg Orcutt.

Guests: Bruce Stone, Town Accountant; Manny Estrella, Fire Chief; Dianne Powers and Richard Knabel, Selectmen; Jen Rand, Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m.

Fire Department #220:

Revenue of \$6800 comes from inspections. Line #5300, technical services, increased from \$500 to \$1500. This begins a process that will culminate with all island emergency vehicles tied into the Communications Center. Trucks will be equipped with a GPS system to enable faster location of emergency sites.

Line #5302, training/seminars, increased from \$2000 to \$3500, for training and materials for emergency crew.

Manny has worked with the Capital Improvements Comm. to determine long-range needs. He will raise \$100,000 over 5 years to purchase a new truck to replace either a '74 or '89 vehicle.

Greg, seconded by Ann, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Fire Dept. budget. The motion passed 3-0-1, with Sharon abstaining.

Board of Selectmen #122:

Skipper Manter is up for re-election this year and does not take a salary. The salary increase is to provide for the possibility of a new selectman who would take the salary.

New line item #5780, Unclassified Expense at \$5000, is to establish a discretionary fund to handle the inevitable expenses that arise that cannot be categorized. Historically, these expenses have been designated to line items that do not appropriately fit the need.

Line item #5300, \$3000 for professional services, is to cover grant-writing fees.

Ann, seconded by Greg, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Board of Selectmen budget. The motion passed 3-1.

Executive Secretary Budget #123:

Salary increase reflects step and COLA.

Greg, seconded by Ann, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Exec. Sect. budget. The motion passed 4-0.

Legal Services #151:

Level funded. Ann, seconded by Greg, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Legal Services budget. The motion passed 4-0.

Public Restrooms #185:

Level funded. Greg, seconded by Ann, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Public Restrooms budget. The motion passed 4-0.

Town Hall #192:

Considering the building is not done and the date of occupation is unknown, Jen had to estimate the costs of the newly renovated town hall. She used utility figures based on the use at the old library building which is similar in size. The renovated town hall will use gas, not oil, for heat. Sharon, seconded by Ann, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Town Hall budget. The motion passed 4-0.

Town Property & Liability Insurance #193:

Level funded. Ann, seconded by Greg, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Town Property & Liability Insurance budget. The motion passed 4-0.

Town Reports #195:

Level funded. Greg, seconded by Ann, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Town Reports budget. The motion passed 4-0.

Town Clock #196:

Level funded. Jen reported this is a stipend for the clock maintenance that is never collected. Ann, seconded by Sharon, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Town Clock budget. The motion passed 4-0.

Cemeteries #491:

Increase is due primarily to an increase in mowing. The town is using a new contractor and is mowing more frequently. Greg, seconded by Sharon, made a motion to preliminarily approve the Cemeteries budget. The motion passed 4-0.

Meeting Schedule:

Since the BoS will be attending budget meetings, a suggestion was made to alternate between the Howes House and the Public Safety Building. The January 20th meeting will take place at the Howes House.

Other Business:

FinCom asked the BoS if they would jointly sponsor a warrant article to provide for a written ballot at town meeting, as was done last year. Dianne wanted to discuss it with the whole BoS board (Skipper was absent) at their own meeting.

Al asked if the BoS would co-sponsor the April Forum. Again, Dianne expressed a desire to take it up at the BoS meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes of the January 6 meeting were approved with corrections.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 4:30pm at the Howes House.

There being no other business, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Rogers, Administrative Clerk