

**TOWN OF  
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2007

Board members present: C. Eddy, S. Fiske, J. Kieley-Board of Selectmen  
M. Darnell, B. Tirey, S. Smith, J. Pierce-Budget Advisory Committee.

Call to Order by C. Eddy at 10:05 a.m.

4 Department Heads present  
19 members of the public were present.

**Budget Hearing**

1. Subject: Eddy called the meeting to order and explained that she would read the warrant first for informational purposes. It was determined that the budget would be read before discussion of money warrant articles. Eddy began reading the budget line items. After a suggestion from Police Chief McTague the department totals were read. Eddy requested Fiske continue with the reading of the budget. Kieley explained that the Board has increased the Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Treasurer wages. The Board will determine the exact type of compensation after Town Meeting. Honey Hastings questioned the legal/subscription line item under Town Administration. Steve Andersen commended the Board on the change in the abatement/refund line. S. Andersen asked if the Board had any way to recoup Attorney's fees if the Town wins any of the pending cases. The Board replied in the negative. David Martz requested a line item breakdown of the Police budget. Chief McTague informed the public that the Police budget contains money to hire another full-time Police Officer and a second 20 hour/week Administrative Assistant. It is anticipated that the increased administrative time will help lower dispatch costs. The part-time hours were reduced in the 2007 budget. Bruce Kullgren commented on the \$15,000.00 increase in the Police budget.

Bill Carnduff, Co-Chair of the Wilton/Lyndeborough/Temple Ambulance, answered questions regarding the ambulance budget. Carnduff explained that in 2006 revenue was down and a problem had arisen regarding workers compensation coverage. The ambulance service ended 2006 in a deficit situation. Carnduff also explained that an agreement is in place with the Town of Wilton for 2007 and the ambulance service will function as a Department of the Town of Wilton for the ensuing year.

The service has assigned its receivables to the Town of Wilton for 2007.

David Martz requested that the Board make the line item budgets for the

Police and Ambulance available to the public.

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Honey Hastings asked about grants received by the Fire Depart. in 2006. S. Andersen and T. Petro asked questions regarding the Building Inspector's compensation. Andersen also asked the Board why some positions would receive wage increases and others would not. The Board explained that this was a personnel issue.

Questions were asked about the increase in the Emergency Management line item. Kieley explained that the Federal Government is requiring updates to the Emergency Management Plan and also requiring a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Board and Southwest Region Planning Commission are trying to obtain grants to offset these costs.

Discussion relating to the snow-plowing budget. The Road Agent explained that he would review this line item before Town Meeting and if there has been no significant snowfall he would recommend lowering this item at Town Meeting.

Peter Clegg, Animal Control Officer, explained the Animal Control budget. Review of the money warrant articles: The Board explained that the two \$500.00 articles, one for the Red Cross and one for CASA would become part of the budget if approved. There is a \$15,000 article for Temple's share of a new Police Cruiser, this is contingent upon passage of a similar article in the Town of Greenville.

Other items discussed were \$40,000 for the purchase of a new tractor and accessories to replace the tractor lost in the 4/25/06 fire at the Highway sheds; creation of a 2008 Celebration Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$2000.00; creation of a Bridge Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$60,000, discussion of lowering this amount, it was determined that this could be done on the floor of Town Meeting. The Board may add \$1.00 to the Bridge Maintenance line item in the budget.

A warrant article to accept and expend the money from the HUD grant. The Administrative Assistant explained that an Attorney from the Local Government Center and the Town Attorney had both recommended this article; confirmation from the Department of Revenue is needed.

A warrant article for \$20,000 to the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund was reviewed and the Board determined that it would remove a \$5,000 article to fund a land study committee.

Move by Fiske to adjourn the 2007 Budget hearing, second by Kieley and voted in the affirmative.

The hearing was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant.

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