

Town of Gouldsboro Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2017

Members present: Jay Bricker, Fred Cook, Mary Ann Higgins, Ray Jones, Janet Michaud, Dwight Rodgers, Dave Seward, Thoma Watson

Member not present: Ken Bahm

Alternates present: Deb Bisson, Amy Davis, Mel Jackson

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2017 meeting.

The committee reviewed the following departments:

Fire Department

Tate McLean explained that the reason for the increase in salaries reflects an increase of total weekly hours from 30 to 34 hours which represents his actual time. He also informed the committee that the number of members has increased from 19 to 25. He also noted that insurance will probably go up, the line item for special equipment is mostly turnout gear at \$2,500 per person, the line item for fire hydrants needs to be fixed as the actuals are not correct (too high) and he dropped the medical evaluations line item to \$1,000.

Constable

Tyler Dunbar explained that he is asking for 3 full time officers, thereby eliminating all part time officers and wants retirement plans for the other two full time officers. Dwight pointed out that the FICA and Medicare should be higher. The health insurance request was adjusted higher to \$33,951.72. He also zeroed out the line item for advertising as it is now being done on line, reduced the line item for computer software to \$4,000, and added a new request for tasers at \$962.52.

CEO

Bryan explained that the salary line represents 708 hours per year at \$22.00 per hour. The FICA and Medicare need to be adjusted, the line item for travel, training and computer hardware could be adjusted lower. Bryan will check.

Recreation

The committee questioned the new line item for \$300 as a donation to the Veterans' dinner and it was suggested that this dinner is put on by all volunteers and there are no donations. Bryan will check to see if the Rec committee has done this before. There is also a new line item request for a stipend of \$1,250 for the head of the Rec Committee. Bryan will get a breakdown of the 2016 year to date expenses and confirm how much of this was taken out of the reserve account.

Shellfish

The line item for communications was reduced to \$250, the line item for advertising was zeroed out and the line item for general supplies was reduced to \$500. It was also noted that workmen's comp will probably go up.

Board of Appeals

It was suggested that the line item for training should be revisited.

Jay reported on the last school board meeting noting that 80-85% of the total budget is salaries and 4% of retirement costs have been shifted to towns by the state legislature.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00 at the Town Office.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Michaud

Secretary