

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Zoom #867 51206399
May 19, 2021, Wednesday**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Jane Hackett, Vice Chairman
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Absent: Pascale Burga, Councilor

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Lee Hultin, Asst. Town Clerk
Richard Fuller, Chief of Police
Capt. David Phillips, Weymouth Police
Keith Stark, Chief, Weymouth Fire Dept.
John MacLeod, Director, Asset Management

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Lee Hultin called the roll and Councilor Burga was absent.

21 062 L- Police

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April, 2021. Chief Fuller reviewed the organizational chart- Two shellfish warden positions were added. His budget is 3.4% higher than last year, with no new positions. There are a total of 99 sworn officers. Increase is based on collective bargaining agreements and a 3% non-union and steps. Current contracts are all funded from the general fund. Superior Officers are under successor agreement.

He reviewed grant funding. The department sees a lot of grants, such as a Port Security grant that was funded for FY22, that will be used to replace cameras in and around beaches and Tern Harbor. Another grant was received for Naxalon use, and one to replace obsolete protective gear. 9-11 grant will be available and will be used for the 911 call center.

Services paid from the miscellaneous line include everything from paper to prisoner meals and cell block maintenance. Out of Grade pay was moved into a management line.

The overtime budget is the same as last year and projected at \$532,000 in May. They are contractually obligated to cover vacancies. Two members are on lengthy military deployment- two in and out-- will have three at end of the month. They are waiting on

new civil service list next month. Overtime is approved through the Chief's Office and Capt. Phillips tracks it.

Roster could be better but is not too bad. They currently stand at 2.0 /1000 and the national standard is 2.4/1000.

The Investigation Department- one retirement as a Lt moved to community outreach.

Harley motorcycles are in good shape; the oldest is a spare 2013. There is no need to purchase new ones this year. They are well maintained.

Dispatcher overtime is over budget this year. They must have people in room. It's emergency medical dispatch as well as police dispatch.

The software budget pays contracts, IMC, fingerprints, video surveillance, and 911.

Chair Molisse noted this is a great team and they've put out the word that Weymouth won't tolerate drugs or crime.

21 076-Free Cash Transfer for New Police Cruisers

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April, 2021. Capt. Phillips reviewed; the department seeks to procure 7 cruisers, and outfit them, using the state contract. He provided an inventory list.

21 062 M-Fire

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April, 2021. Chief Stark reviewed the budget. Four members are out with injuries, two are serving in the military, some on FMLA and one is on long term sick leave.

The overtime budget is based on historical data.

Auditor Swanson reported that he was satisfied with the responses he received to his questions.

21 087- Reserve Fund Transfer- Lane Beach Bathhouse

Chief of Staff Langill asked Director MacLeod to provide an overview of this late added agenda item.

Director MacLeod reported that when maintenance was unsuccessful trying to clear drains in the bathhouse, and when they cut some of the floor out to find the problem they discovered pipe collapse from cutting some of the floor out and discovered pipes collapsed from age and salt water damage. Repairs will be made, and once the fixtures are out the building will be painted. The work will be expedited to have the bathhouse open by Memorial Day.

A motion was made by Councilor Kiely to forward measure 21 087 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Vice Chair Hackett.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett- Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett- Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Attachments – Q&A Budget

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman
Voted unanimously on 30 August 2021