

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
May 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chair
Thomas J. Lacey, Vice Chair
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor

Absent: Jane Hackett, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor

Also Present: Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Keith Stark, Chief-Weymouth Fire Department

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

Chairman Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Review and Discuss Fire Department Budget with Department Heads and Administration, Chief of Fire and Applicable Senior Staff. Review Reserve Fund with Chief Financial Officer.

Deliberate the following measures:

18 060 M-Fire Department

Chief Stark and Chief of Staff Langill reviewed the Fire Department proposed FY19 budget via a powerpoint presentation.

The current roster is comprised of 93 members. Currently each station is manned with 22 people-this is the first time since he has been named Chief that he has had a full complement of staff. He noted that the department anticipates one possible retirement in May.

The budget includes all step raises, and he noted that collective bargaining is settled and expires on June 30, 2019.

Chief Stark discussed the aging process of his fire trucks/apparatus and noted that they phase out older ones and use as backup or utilize for parts if needed.

Councilor Heffernan inquired about staffing needed to man apparatus at Union Point. The Chief noted that he is working with administration to obtain dedicated staff and the situation is being looked at as public safety in general, including Police coverage and ambulance service.

The Chief noted that as overtime is required to cover shifts when needed, he thought it prudent to separate the overtime into its own line item as it is easier to control. He reminded the committee members that when raises go into effect-it drastically impacts overtime and it is a moving target.

Chairman Molisse asked about the ambulance contract. The Chief responded that the committee (of which he was a member) vetted the options and he noted that Fallon Ambulance was a viable company for several years but South Shore Health Systems has a vision and this is where the market is going. South Shore Health Systems has 10 years experience, which is noteworthy. The three locations for ambulance service will be Bridge Street, Libby Industrial Parkway and South Shore Hospital. Mr. Langill noted that there is a transition period and he is confident that it is a great model and he wishes that ambulances could be at our fire stations due to the income it would generate.

Councilor Lacey asked if the awarding of this contract effects the potential for the town having an internal ambulance service. Mr. Langill said that they are investigating that possibility but it went this way this time.

18 079-Free Cash for Protective Firefighter Equipment

The Chief noted that they are requesting a transfer from free cash for \$350,000 in order to purchase an additional set of personal protective equipment for each firefighter. This is included on the CIP. This would purchase 100 sets of turnout gear and meets a mandate to retire equipment after 10 years of use. He explained that they would rotate this new gear with the old, in order that they can clean them for the safety and well being of the firefighters health.

18 060 C-Reserve Fund

Mr. Langill confirmed that the reserve fund is level funded from last year's budget.

Chair Molisse thanked the Chief and asked that he extend the same to his staff, for all of their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:37 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor Lacey to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Molisse-Budget/Management Chair
Power point presentation attached
Approved by Town Council on 4 June 2018