

**Wentworth Select Board
Budget Hearing
January 12, 2021**

Those present: Arnold Scheller, Omer Ahern, Rich Ducheneau (alternate SB member), Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Paul Manson, Sonia Scheller, Francis Muzzey, Kay Baily, Linda Franz, and Andrew Lasser

Called to Order: Arnold Scheller, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

A.Scheller made a motion to enter into a public hearing to discuss the 2021 budget. Seconded by R.Ducheneau. All three voted in the affirmative, and the motion carried.

Chief Ames gave his report as there was a lot of activity with the Fire Department over the past couple of weeks. The report is a part of these minutes. Chief then went over the Fire Department budget with the public, and there were no comments or questions.

Chief Trott presented the budget for the Police Department. He explained that his department generates income that is not reflected in his budget, but goes into the general fund. He provided an explanation of how this effects his budget, and it is a part of these minutes.

Paul Manson presented the budget for the Highway Department. There was only one comment, from Francis Muzzey. He did not agree with accepting a \$9,000 trade in for the International, and he would rather see it sold by the Town. It had been discussed and decided at a previous Select Board meeting that a trade in was better due to potential liability issues.

Linda Franz presented the Town Clerk/Tax Collector budget on their behalf. There were no comments or questions.

Linda Franz presented the Library budget. It is incomplete, and the Library Trustees need to approve. A letter will be sent to request that this be done in a timely manner.

Sonia Scheller presented the Planning Board budget. There were no comments or questions.

Linda Franz presented the Transfer Station budget. The budget increased by \$11,400 which is for long overdue wage increases as well as increased collection and disposal costs that are attributed to the increased population, especially in the summer.

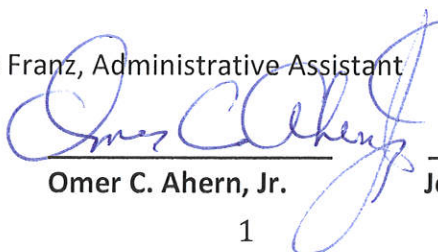
Linda Franz presented the General Municipal Operations budget. She discussed all line item changes. There were a few questions but no concerns.

A.Scheller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by O.Ahern. All voted in the affirmative, and meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant



Arnold Scheller, Chair



Omer C. Ahern, Jr.

Jordan King

Fire Dept. Report

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From: j&l redbones <jlredbones@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Arnie Scheller; Town of Wentworth; Linda Franz; Omer Ahern; Jordan King
Subject: meeting tonight

To all,

Due to some back issues i may not make tonight's meeting . I was in hopes to be there for the public hearing to answer any questions that may arise on the Fire Department Budget . If i can not make it please read my report to the public

To give a brief activity report for the fire department Calls for service East side road Chimney Fire Blocked chimney, smoke in the building evacuation, cleared chimney extinguished the creosote burning.

Next ,Call came in on Thayer Mountain road as building fire with stove explosion blowing the front glass out of stove. On scene we had no active fire in the building we did have burning embers etc from wood stove, we removed debris embers and wood from floor and stove, worked with police to get red cross involved, the stove explosion was due to secondary combustion or otherwise known as smoke explosion. Can be caused by a plugged chimney or plugged combustion chamber in a stove.

Next We had a Alarm activation at the school, this turned out to be a closed vent on stove area while cooking smoke setting off the alarm. The teachers and students were all evacuated and once building was cleared as safe came back into school.

Next we were toned to chimney fire that led into a building fire, we went to first alarm bringing in mutual aid companies according to our run card which gave us a total of 13 pieces and multiple fire fighters to assist with water and extinguishment. We had a firefighter on scene with in 5 minutes of the tone stating he had fire threw the roof and in the windows, the fire was fully involved on initial attack we had 13 firefighters working this call The building was a total loss.

Trainings We have approx 35 emergency personnel coming to attend the DHART training this Saturday hosted by Wentworth, We have Confirmed 5 Rumney fire fighters, 5 fish and game employees 15 Wentworth fire fighters 4 or 5 Warren firefighters and 4 ambulance service people

Thanks Chief Ames

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WPD Budget Notes

2020-2021 Budget

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In reviewing the Wentworth Police Department budget for 2020 the bottom lines show as follows.

WPD 2020 working budget \$90,906.00

Actual Budget expenses Jan-Dec 2020 \$100,369.64

This indicates that I am over by \$9,463.64, or, 10.41 % of my 2020 budget.

In order to show a true reflection of the WPD 2020 budget we need to take into account the following.

Line Item #4210.4H Special Details-Track. In 2020 the WPD generated \$12,550.00 in revenue from the race track as well as an OHRV grant.

The Town of Wentworth was also reimbursed \$5,570.00 through the cares act regarding COVID-19 for hours worked by myself related to COVID-19.

This means that there is an additional \$18,120.00 that needs to be added to the 2020 budget. That gives us a total of \$109,026.00.

When we take that new number, \$109,026.00, and then subtract the Actual expenditures from 2020, \$100,369.64, we then show a balance of \$8,656.36.

This balance is \$8,656.36 in the black not the red. It is a positive not a negative.

Our 2021 Budget will show a new line item, 4210.4H Details & Race Track, which will show an increase in the WPD budget, but, will be covered by revenues generated by the WPD through Details and the race track.

