

Prospect Town Council
Budget Workshop
Approved Minutes
April 16, 2020

Chairman Slapikas called to order the Virtual Budget Workshop of the Prospect Town Council @ 5:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending:

A roll call for attendance was taken by Chairman Slapikas.

Via Online: J. Slapikas, P. Murray, T. Graveline, S. Pilat, R. Blanc, P. Geary, L. Fitzgerald, M. Patchkofsky & S. Lusas Kolodziej

Also, in Attendance via Phone: Mayor Robert J. Chatfield

There were additional callers online the Library Board, John Wiehn and Sue McKernan, Chair of Library Board and well as other callers. Also attending, Bill Lauber, Prospect Vol. Fire Dept. Fire Chief.

Library: #7350 - \$346,905

Motion made by P. Geary, seconded by P. Murray to approve the Budget of the Library (7350) in the amount of \$346,905 as presented for discussion. P. Geary commented that the salaries for #7350-00 Librarian \$67,153 and #7350-01 Asst. Librarian \$50,250 should be changed to 2.25% from 2.5%. The change was made to #7350-00 Librarian to \$66,989 and #7350-01 Asst. Librarian to \$50,128. T. Graveline commented that line item #7350-12 Meeting Clerk should be changed to \$1045.00. Council members discussed line item #7350-02 Staff/Clerk PT-8 and reduced the amount from \$98,505 to \$98,259 (2.25% from 2.5%). Chairman Slapikas requested of J. Wiehn and S. Kernan to look at their budget again, to see if any line items may be reduced, as it did not seem right to increase budgets at this time, when so many people are losing their jobs. Disc. The following changes were voted on:

	From:	To:
#7350-00 Librarian	\$67,153	\$66,989
#7350-01 Asst. Librarian	\$50,250	\$50,128
#7350-02 Staff/Clerk PT-8	\$98,505	\$98,259
#7350-03 Supplies	\$10,500	\$10,500
#7350-04 Cataloging/Books	\$30,000	\$30,000
#7350-05 Utilities	\$19,000	\$17,000
#7350-06 Cont. Maintenance	\$36,376	\$36,379
#7350-08 Cap. Improvements	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,500
#7350-10 Video	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
#7350-11 Programs/Conf.	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,700
#7350-12 Meeting Clerk	\$ 1,054	\$ 1,045
#7350-13 Technology	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000
#7350-14 E-Books		0
Total	\$342,616	\$334,000

Chairman Slapikas commented that there is a difference of \$8,616. **Motion** made by P. Geary, seconded by P. Murray to approve the amended Budget of the Library (7350) from \$346,905 to \$334,000. A roll call vote was taken. **8 Approved/** J. Slapikas, P. Murray, T. Graveline, R. Blanc, P. Geary, S. Pilat, L. Fitzgerald, M. Patchkofsky, S. Lusas Kolodziej **Opposed/None Motion passes.** The Council thanked the Library for working with them in reducing their Budget.

Town Trucks #7150 - \$256,000

Motion made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to approve the budget of Town Trucks (7150) in the amount of \$256,000. Disc. Mayor Chatfield advised that a total of \$6,000 could be taken from line items #7150-00 Fleet Maintenance (-\$2,000); #7150-01 Tires (-\$2,000); #7150-03 Parts, Supplies, Oils (-\$2,000) as the Town had purchased two new trucks. Disc. The following changes were made:

	From:	To:
#7150-00 Fleet Maintenance	\$113,000	\$105,000
#7150-01 Tires	\$ 16,000	\$ 14,000
#7150-02 Gasoline	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
#7150-03 Parts,Supplies, Oils	\$ 70,000	\$ 67,500
#7150-04 Diesel Fuel	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>
Total	\$256,000	\$243,500

The Budget was reduced by \$12,500. After discussion, **Motion** made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to amend the budget of Town Trucks #7150 from \$256,000 to \$243,500. A roll call vote was taken.

7 Approved/ J. Slapikas, T. Graveline, R. Blanc, P. Geary, S. Pilat, M. Patchkofsky, S. Lusas Kolodziej

2 Opposed/ L. Fitzgerald, P. Murray **Motion passes.** The Council thanked Mayor Chatfield for being flexible.

Fire Protection: #6600 – \$473,743

Motion made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded by P. Murray to approve the Budget of Fire Protection (6600) in the amount of \$473,743. Discussion. Fire Chief B. Lauber commented that he eliminated Seal Donations from the Budget as this line item is \$5,000 short. P. Geary commented on the increase to salaries as @ 2.25% not 2.5%. Council members questioned line item #6600-02 Bldg. Improvements \$10,000 and the additional admin. B. Lauber explained that within the next 2 to 3 years, the Volunteer Fire Dept. would need to become a full-time Fire Dept. as it is harder to get volunteers during the day, their pool to choose from is very limited. B. Lauber continued that he would also like to include an additional admin for this purpose. B. Lauber also explained that he would like to convert part of the lock rooms to an area with bunk beds for the firemen to sleep. Disc. Council members suggested to create an online fundraising event to help with donations. The Council requested a reduction to the Budget of Fire Protection in the amount of \$3,685, for a new bottom line total of \$470,058 (\$473,743 - \$3,685 = \$470,058). **Motion** made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded by P. Murray to approve the amended Budget of Fire Protection (6600) for a new bottom line total of \$470,058. A roll call vote was taken. **9 Approved/** J. Slapikas, T. Graveline, R. Blanc, P. Geary, S. Pilat, M. Patchkofsky, S. Lusas Kolodziej, L. Fitzgerald, P. Murray **Opposed/None. Motion passes.**

Road Reconstruction: #7250 - \$230,399

Motion made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded by R. Blanc to approve the Budget of Road Reconstruction (7250) in the amount of \$230,399. Mayor Chatfield advised that he is proposing a bond in the amount of \$850,000; this includes reconstruction of George Street which will be made into a dead end at the State Road (Rte 69), as this area is very dangerous. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken. **9 Approved/** J. Slapikas, T. Graveline, R. Blanc, P. Geary, S. Pilat, M. Patchkofsky, S. Lusas Kolodziej, L. Fitzgerald, P. Murray **Opposed/None. Motion passes.**

Town Parks: #7300 – \$72,100

Motion made by R. Blanc, seconded by T. Graveline to approve the Budget of Town Parks (7300) in the amount of \$72,100. Disc. Mayor Chatfield advised that the total is down \$2,000 from last year. Council members questioned cost and repairing of sprinklers, supplies and lawn treatment. Council members requested a reduction to line items #7300-00 Supplies from \$8,000 - \$1,000 = \$7,000 and from #7300-05 Lawn Treatment \$7,000 - \$1,000 = \$6,000 for a total reduction of \$2,000 for a new bottom line total of \$72,100 - \$2,000 = \$70,100. **Motion** made by R. Blanc, seconded by T. Graveline to approve the amended Budget of Town Parks (7300) for a new bottom line total of \$70,100. A roll call vote was taken. **9 Approved/** J. Slapikas, T. Graveline, R. Blanc, P. Geary, S. Pilat, M. Patchkofsky, S. Lusas Kolodziej, L. Fitzgerald, P. Murray **Opposed/None. Motion passes.**

Contingency: #7750 - \$50,000

Motion made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded by P. Murray to approve the Budget of Contingency (7750) in the amount of \$50,000. A roll call vote was taken. **9 Approved/** J. Slapikas, T. Graveline, R. Blanc, P. Geary, S. Pilat, M. Patchkofsky, S. Lusas Kolodziej, L. Fitzgerald, P. Murray **Opposed/None. Motion passes.**

Economic Development Commission #7750 - \$150

Motion made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded by T. Graveline to amend the line items of Economic Development from #7750 to #7755 and to issue new line item numbers to Commission #7755-00 and Meeting Clerk #7755-01. A roll call vote was taken. **9 Approved/** J. Slapikas, T. Graveline, R. Blanc, P. Geary, S. Pilat, M. Patchkofsky, S. Lusas Kolodziej, L. Fitzgerald, P. Murray **Opposed/None. Motion passes.**

Inland Wetlands #6400:

A discussion was held on the line item of Meeting Clerk #6400-00. M. Patchkofsky commented that the Salary Review Sub-committee had sent a survey to the various Chairs of each Board and Commission; as to the Wetlands Clerk her duties were not fully described and additional info would be necessary. The Council would like to revisit this line item as a previous approval was made.

Chairman Slapikas set a meeting date of Thursday, April 23, 2020 for a Budget Workshop @ 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Slapikas also commented that the Public could phone in or email the Council prior to any meeting for any questions they may have.

Adjournment:

Motion made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded R. Blanc to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous. The meeting adjourned @ 7:30 p.m.

Jeff Slapikas
Chairman