

Prospect Town Council
Special Meeting
Budget Workshop
Unapproved Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2020

The Budget Workshop Special Meeting of the Prospect Town Council was called to order by Chairman Jeff Slapikas @ 6:30 p.m. and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at the Prospect Town Hall, 36 Center Street. The meeting was taped.

Members Present: Jeff Slapikas, Stan Pilat, Pat Geary, Larry Fitzgerald, Megan Patchkofsky, Paul Murray and Stephanie Lusas-Kolodziej

Members Absent: Rich Blanc and Teresa Graveline

Mayor Chatfield presented the Proposed Budget for 2020-2021 to the Council Members. J. Slapikas submitted a list of line items that the Council has little discretion with. Mayor Chatfield mentioned that the Town now has 4 unions; the wage increase is @ 2.25% for all personnel. The Mayor came up with this number by averaging 6 arbitrations in the CT. The Mayor reviewed each line item on the Proposed Budget. He discussed briefly the increases, decreases and line items that had no change. The Town Buildings Line Item is now combined with the Community Center. The Library is now the only town building with a separate line item. Mayor Chatfield stated that the budget has a bottom line increase of \$335,943.

P. Geary questioned the increase in Workman's Comp. The Mayor briefly mentioned a town employee who is collecting Workman's Comp. and is also still on Town benefits.

Motion made by S. Lusas-Kolodziej, **seconded** by S. Pilat to approve the line items (Schedule "A") that the Council has little discretion with. These items can be revisited in the future. **Unanimous.**

The Council discussed the Budget Workshop meeting dates. J. Slapikas stated he spoke with T. Graveline and she is fine with all the dates listed. The Council members discussed dates that may not work for each of them.

Motion made by P. Geary, **seconded** by L. Fitzgerald to cancel the Tuesday, March 17th & Tuesday, April 7th meetings. **Unanimous.**

Motion made by L. Fitzgerald, **seconded** by S. Pilat to schedule a Budget Workshop Meeting for Saturday, March 28th from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. **Unanimous.**

Motion made by P. Murray, **seconded** by S. Pilat to cancel the Monday March 30th and Monday April 13th meetings. Also, schedule a Budget Workshop Meeting for Saturday, April 4th from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. **Unanimous.**

Motion made by S. Pilat, **seconded** by P. Geary to change the time of the Thursday, March 12th meeting to 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. **Unanimous.**

The Mayor's office will file the amended Budget Workshop meeting dates.

Correspondence:

- Agenda
- Proposed Budget
- Revenue Sheet
- Budget Information Packet
- Line Items that the Council has little discretion with

Motion made by S. Lusas-Kolodziej, **seconded** by L. Fitzgerald to place the above correspondence on file. **Unanimous.**

Adjournment: **Motion** made by S. Lusas-Kolodziej, **seconded** by L. Fitzgerald to adjourn the Budget Workshop at 7:22 p.m. **Unanimous.**

Jeff Slapikas
Chairman