

**TOWN OF
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting held on the 24th of January 2012

Board members present: J. Kieley, T. Petro, M. Darnell

Call to Order by J. Kieley at 7:01 p.m.

1. Subject: The Fire Engineers, Mark Salisbury and Will Wildes, met with the Board. Will Wildes gave an explanation about the problems with the pump on engine 1. The packing on the pump needs to be changed and the impeller needs to be re-machined, approximate cost \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00. This amount could be higher if problems are found when the pump is opened. Petro informed the Board that he had been aware of the need for work on the pump since November 2011 and that he and the BAC had been asking for estimates in writing. Petro thought that this item should be a warrant article so that it is transparent to the voters and should be supported by everyone. In response to a question by Kieley Luke Peterson stated that a new pump would cost approximately \$24,000.00, not including labor. Petro asked when the work would be done and Wildes responded as soon as possible after approval. Kieley suggested a warrant article for \$10,000.00 with the caveat that if more extensive work needs to be done the balance could be paid for from the expendable trust.

Wildes asked the Board for a warrant article in the amount of \$10,500.00 for the purchase of 20 pagers and 5 radios. This expenditure is recommended by the CIP Committee and will enable the Fire Department to meet the new FCC requirements that take effect in 2013. Darnell asked the status of the grant that had been applied for in 2011. The Fire Department had applied for a grant for radios, pagers, SCBA and a Jaws of Life. George Clark informed the Board that as of this date there is no information. The Fire Engineers stated that the warrant article for pagers and radios is a contingency warrant article in case the grant is not awarded and would not be used if the grant is awarded.

The Fire Engineers then asked the Board for a warrant article for the 5% matching funds for the grant applied for in 2011. George Clark informed the Board that this amount is \$7,330.00. The Fire Department had applied for a grant for the purchase of radios, pagers, SCBA and jaws-of-life. The Board agreed to put in this warrant article, Kieley suggested \$7,500.00 to ensure that the correct amount is available. Clark asked the Board where the money would come from if the warrant article failed. Kieley informed Clark that the Board would look at the Fire Department line items as they do have "equipment" line items in the budget.

The next item Wildes mentioned was the maintenance line item in the Fire Department budget. Wildes stated that the annual maintenance costs are \$4,000.00 for the vehicles. The Board of Selectmen cut this line item to \$1,000.00 in 2011. The Fire Department did minimal maintenance and spent \$2,556.00. Kieley stated that there is \$1,000.00 recommended in the 2012 budget for this line item and \$4,000.00 recommended for the

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1. Subject: (cont) expendable trust. Wildes stated that he thought the expendable trust was an “emergency” fund. Luke Peterson stated that \$4,000.00 is the true maintenance cost and this covered regular maintenance, not emergencies. Kieley asked if the Fire Department has a maintenance schedule and Wildes answered in the affirmative. Darnell brought up the telephone/internet line item. Darnell suggested ad VOIP option for the Fire Department phone line, which would cost approximately \$24.00/month. Petro suggested that Darnell install the VOIP in 2012 and if there is significant savings this line item could be reduced in 2013.
2. Subject: Steve Andersen, Chair of the BAC, spoke to the board regarding the 2012 budget. Andersen stated that the BAC is basically done reviewing budget requests. They are waiting for a total on proposed wages and need to know if there is a warrant article for a bridge. Andersen also asked why Greenville is allowed to keep increasing the Police Department budget and adding costs to Temple. Kieley informed Andersen that the Board has not voted on raises but they are looking at 3%. There will be a warrant article to close the Putnam Road Bridge and switch the money allocated to that bridge to the 1st Converse Road Bridge, with the idea of having the engineering work completed by the end of 2012 and having a warrant article in 2013 for construction. The Road Agent had obtained a quote for some work on the 2nd Converse Road Bridge, which is higher than anticipated. Andersen asked what the Board’s goal is for the bottom line and Kieley stated that it is to spend the least amount of money while supplying the services the residents expect. There was discussion about the Police budget and the appearance that Greenville is dumping costs onto the Town of Temple through this budget. Kieley explained the costs of the State Retirees who work part time. Luke Peterson asked about the attrition rate for the Temple/Greenville Police and Kieley informed him that it is about 3 years.
3. Subject: Petro suggested a warrant article for the 2nd Converse Road Bridge of \$12,500, based upon the quote received by Road Agent, Tim Fiske. Move by petro to include \$12,500 warrant article for the 2nd Converse Road Bridge, second by Kieley and voted in the unanimous affirmative. There was discussion of a warrant article for a pre-payment on the grader as recommended by the CIP Committee. Gary Scholl gave the Board the BAC’s reasoning for putting the repair of the pump for the Fire Department engine in the maintenance line item rather than as a warrant article.
4. Subject: Move by Petro to approve the minutes of 12/13/11 as amended, second by Kieley and voted in the unanimous affirmative. Move by Kieley to approve the 1/17/12 minutes as amended, second by Darnell and voted in the unanimous affirmative.

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5. Subject: Reviewed and signed a letter to the residents of Converse Road to set the date of 2/14/12 at 7:00 pm to meet with them and provide information regarding the plans for the two bridges on Converse Road.
6. Subject: Signed an abatement form for the Greg Ellis LUCT abatement previously approved.
7. Subject: Reviewed and signed vouchers.
8. Subject: Reviewed and approved a draft letter to LGC regarding the liability insurance on Police. The Board will sign upon completion.
9. Subject: Move by Petro to adjourn, second by Darnell. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant