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YARMOUTH FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Yarmouth Town Hall, Room A
January 13, 2016

Present: Joseph Goldstein, Chair, Cathy Romboli, Vice Chair/Clerk, Nathan Ladley, Jack Moylan, Ken Mudie, Robert Ciavarra, and Sean Hanlon

Administration: William Hinchey, Town Administrator, Ed Senteio, Director of Finance

Guest: Chief Phil Simonian, YFD, Deputy Chief Jonathan Sawyer, YFD, and Jim Armentrout, Golf

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Goldstein, Chair, at 6:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

YARMOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Simonian noted that there was a small increase in salaries, \$39,000 in step increases and COLA for FY17. This year a fee for septage was instituted. The number of staff members has not changed. The number of calls increased again this year to nearly 7,100, about 600 more than last year. Ambulance revenues were up again this year. These revenues pay overtime and contribute to capital purchases. The chief said that ideally there would be a second person for EMS training. There are a fixed number of captains and lieutenants.

Mr. Moylan asked where the Department was in collective bargaining. Chief Simonian said that the Department was currently in negotiations. The contract expires June 30, 2016. Mr. Senteio said that Police and Fire may go to an arbitrator, which could take 6 months or more. Mr. Hinchey said that \$500,000 from the previous year's Reserves has been allocated to COLA. He said that the COLA's have been estimated to be 2% or \$400,000.

Chief Simonian discussed the \$690,000 purchase of a pumper truck, fully equipped. The Department will be disposing of a 1986 pumper truck. It may be given to the Barnstable Fire Academy or auctioned off. It takes about a year to build the new pumper truck, which the Chief hopes to order in April; the Chief expects to have the new pumper truck in the spring of 2017. The ladder truck is a 2004 with a 100 foot bucket ladder. There was a discussion of bucket truck safety and training. Chief Simonian said that everything is going well at the Fire Department, and he appreciated the support of the YFC.

GOLF DIVISION:

Jim Armentrout said that the Golf budget was very similar to what it has been in the past. He explained that his budget was an enterprise fund. The Golf's expenses are all covered by revenue. There was a reduction in surplus in 2017. In 2016 the Golf Enterprise saved money on health insurance. There are 19 full time people in the Golf Division; less than half of them are on the Town's insurance plan. Mr. Senteio said that the Health Insurance is an estimate.

Mr. Armentrout said that the restaurant has not done weddings, but has done private parties. He said that he anticipates with the remodeling of the Bass River restaurant that weddings would be possible. He hopes to that the remodeling will be done by the first of April.

Golf receipts have risen about \$80,000 in 2016 over 2015. This year's mild weather has allowed the division to get more maintenance done.

Mr. Armentrout said that Dennis, Brewster, Hyannis, and Yarmouth Golf divisions meet periodically. He said that he would like to see cooperation between these golf courses for advertising off Cape. There was a discussion of advertising for the Golf division. Comcast and e-mail blasts advertisements have been done in the past, primarily on Cape.

The Links course is probably the best built, Bayberry is a continuing building project, and Bass River has the best view.

Mr. Goldstein asked about the \$2 M improvement program for the Golf Division, and Mr. Armentrout said that he did not see much argument against it when it went to Town meeting, and it would be paid back through the debt drop-off. Mr. Goldstein also asked Mr. Hinchey if money for Golf advertising could come from the Tourism funds. A portion of the hotel/motel tax goes toward Tourism every year. Mr. Armentrout said he had worked with Karen Greene on a television spot.

The fee schedule has increased 4 ½ to 5%. There is some flexibility with the market on fee schedules, Mr. Armentrout said.

MINUTES:

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the January 6, 2016 meeting.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mr. Mudie

Vote: 6-0-1

TRANSFERS:

There were no transfers at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held January 20, 2016. at 6:30 p.m. at Yarmouth Town Hall, Room A. The DPW will be presenting. The Water Enterprise Fund and Septage are part of the DPW division. Mr. Ladley said that he would like to have IT and Karen Greene present, February 17th is the date scheduled for Other Town Budgets. Mr. Goldstein said he would also like to have the Administrative Budget present. Mr. Goldstein said that he would like to have Community Development on February 17. There was a discussion of offering free wifi on the beaches.

Mr. Goldstein proposed a warrant suggesting compensation committee to replace the personnel policy board. This idea was discussed.

Mr. Ciavarra had to leave the meeting before the vote to adjourn.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Moylan

Seconded by: Mrs. Romboli

Vote: 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Grace E. Buckler

Recording Secretary

Yarmouth Finance Committee