



Board of
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Budget Workshop
Tuesday, September 11, 2012 @ 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Ralph Dunbar, Jr., George Jellison, Jr., Dan Norwood, Dave Minctons, Town Manager Don Lagrange. Excused-Tom Benson.

1.) Combining Police with Dispatch: Don Lagrange addressed the BOS about possibility combining Police/Dispatch together for budget line item purposes. Norwood and Dunbar, Jr. agreed that it wouldn't be prudent at this time to do make those changes. Jellison, Jr. stated that he wasn't opposed at looking at both budgets separately. There was discussion amongst those attending the workshop about the number of police officers employed in this town versus the number of residents. Norwood suggested doing research now that the dept. is down a police officer. What are the potential savings? Dunbar Jr. stated that this very subject had come up 2-3 years ago to the Town. 24/7 Coverage necessary? Dunbar Jr. said that there was a big concern with the elderly population worrying about response times. Don Lagrange will speak to the Chief of Police about their discussion at the budget workshop and get back to the BOS later.

2.) Current reserve & CIP balance: Don Lagrange suggested to the BOS that they take \$1,000,000.00 and place it in a higher yielding account to make more money for the Town. Dunbar Jr. noted that this same conversation had come up before in the past and he feels that the Town's money needs to be in a secure, insured investment. Dunbar Jr. stated that the Town shouldn't "gamble" with the taxpayer's money.

3.) Combining pier components: After discussing the pros and cons of changing/combining the categories, Dunbar Jr. and Norwood both expressed their opinion of leaving it the way it is for now....they like to keep track of each line item so they know how each budget is working for the Town.

4.) Engineer firm appointment: Don Lagrange asked the BOS if they would consider having an engineer firm represent the Town, possibly have a contract for 1 to 3 years. Norwood preferred to put out to bid like the Town has done in the past and leave it the way. Dunbar Jr. agreed with Norwood.

5.) ICMA unspent forfeiture funds: Don Lagrange discussed with the BOS about the ICMA unspent forfeiture funds in the amount of approximately \$21,100 was available to be used as revenue in next year's budget. The BOS agreed that it should be used in the upcoming budget.