

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**April 20, 2021**

#### **Call to Order-Chairman Brian Warburton 7:00pm**

As Chairman of the Hampton Municipal Budget Committee, I have determined that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, that to properly ensure the safety of the public and that of the [Committee] members who are within the CDC guidelines needing to take special precautions, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governors Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming: We are utilizing an audio teleconference service for this electronic meeting. All members of the Hampton Municipal Budget Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform by calling toll free 1-857-444-0744 and use the code 156034. If anybody has a problem, please call 603-929-5805

#### **Pledge of Allegiance lead by Stephen LaBranche 7:02pm**

#### **Introduction of Members (Roll Call) 7:02pm**

Brian Warburton  
Richie Sawyer  
Stephen LaBranche  
Joyce Skaperdas  
Steve Henderson  
Larry Quinn  
Katherine Harake

#### Teleconference

Bob Ladd  
Ginny Bridle

**Minutes: March 23, 2021 7:03pm** will be put off to the May 18 meeting

Chairman gives insight into the agenda. Going to look into the 2020 ending financial results.

#### **Appointment: Jay Diener, CHAT (Coastal Hazardous Adaptation Team) 7:05pm**

Gives background on SHAY-local nonprofit to educate prevent and conserve the local area. CHAT is a program under SHAY.

Outlines the goals of SHAY.

Wants to get the budget committee's perspective on the list of approaches SHAY has put together. Trying to get input from all of the boards. Want to see if there's any discussion to adjust the ways they approach things.

Mr. LaBranche gives an example of a house that could adjust in market value due to coastal flooding issues.

Chairman mentions that people are still buying properties with all the flooding issues. People still want to live in the area.

Discussion continues.

Mr. LaBranche says it's a buy in for the whole town, not just the beach as flooding can happen in other areas outside of the beach as well.

Mr. Diener continues to run through the recommendations of approaches.

Discussion continues. Going to be expensive but it's a problem that needs to be solved.

Jay Diener summarizes three major areas of the plan/proposal.

Discussion continues.

### **Review of 2020 Budget Results 8:02pm Kristi Pulliam, Director of Finance**

Revenue's slide goes back to 2002. Spikes over the years.

Starting at about 2017 revenues starts to level out.

Overall average \$383,000 in revenue

Discussion around revenue numbers.

As of 12/31 revenue was \$10,230,439 for 2020.

Expenditures for 2020: 27,632,357 including money brought forward from 2019. Underspent by \$519,372

Continued discussion around expenditures.

History of tax rate

Use of unassigned fund balance: used to offset tax rate.

Discussion around numbers.

Questions around going over budget on regular wages. This was due to prorating payroll back into the previous year.

Discussion.

Overtime for town clerk was due to COVID and money was received back in another area.

Discussion around over budget line items in each regular wage area. These are all due to prorating from previous year.

Discussion.

**Review of current expenditures 2021 8:50pm**

Run through of where expenses are at for this calendar year thus far.

**Selectmen's Update 9:01pm**

No update

**School Board Update 9:01pm**

Everybody is back to school full time until between 1 and 2pm. COVID money is coming in to have a summer program for hopefully around 120 students.

Will hopefully start making plans for hopefully regular programming in the fall.

**Village District Update 9:03pm**

We are totally in support of Jay Diener's presentation tonight. Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> will be the annual meeting for the voters of the village district. Season will be kicked off mid-June with the sandcastle contest.

Chairman reminds planning board meeting tomorrow night.

Discussion around the governor's order for no more mask mandate.

Discussion around deputy town manager position ending in June. Selectman Sawyer says discussions around being had around this.

**Next meeting will be May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Adjournment 9:15pm**