

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center

April 17, 2014
Tuesday - 7:00 PM

Budget Review Session FY 2015

Roll call: Councilors Cardon, Fischer, Fairbanks, Katsakiores, Dimmock, Bourdon and Chairman Osborne

Staff Present: Larry Budreau, Tom Carrier, George Sioras, Elizabeth Robidoux, Linda Merrill, Candace Andrews, Susan Brown, Jack Robillard, and Chief Klauber
Frank Childs, Janice Mobsby and Mark Fleischer – Finance

Wastewater

This is a Budget Enterprise Fund. User rates and fees no increase this year. This budget is \$508,000 less than last fiscal year.

Question regarding replacement of vehicle, machinery & equipment and buildings.

Discussion

Councilor Fischer gave examples of what the decrease in the tax rate would be and the amounts needed to be reduced in the overall budget to obtain these decreases. The Council needs to look at cost effective ways to reduce the tax rate. He sees it as there is still time within this budget process to give direction to cut an amount from the overall budget and the Town Administrator to return with suggested cuts and effects. Councilor Fischer asked for information within the FY15 budget regarding unsettled union contracts and what the increases in benefits and salaries were and where these are allocated.

Councilors continued discussion on the matter.

Mr. Childs stated to the Council that if a motion passes and that, since the Council is the policy making body, the staff would need direction as to what services or priorities the Council would like to see cut.

Move to reduce the overall budget ½% in the amount of \$184,947.

Motion by: Councilor Fischer, seconded by Chairman Osborne.

Vote: 2-5-0 (Councilors Katsakiores, Dimmock, Bourdon, Fairbanks, and Cardon)

Motion Failed

Mr. Childs reminded the Town Council that the Water, Wastewater and Cable budgets are self-funding and do not impact the tax rate.

Councilor Fischer made a suggestion for the future to revamp the budget format. Requesting to remove the Council Adopted column and combine department recommended and Town Administrator recommended columns, then to show the difference between the prior FY and proposed FY column.

Chairman Osborne Moved the bottom line for Wastewater in the amount of \$2,235,743 seconded by Councilor Katsakiories
Vote: 7-0-0

Water

Derry's water rate is 14% below the average of surrounding towns. This budget is \$404,000 less than FY2014. Mr. Carrier highlighted the expenditure for the Hydrant Rental included in the Fire budget.

Chairman Osborne, Moved the bottom line for Water in the amount of \$2,693,361, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores
Vote: 7-0-0

Derry Public Library

Councilor Fairbanks recused himself from this budget. Jack Robillard, Trustee/Treasurer, & Susan Brown, Acting Director, presented the budget. Cara Barlow, the new director will be starting on 4/28/14. Mr. Robillard gave an overview of the library services. There is a lease for a copier in this budget. Everyone will be on a library salary schedule beginning this year, the last year of a 3 year phasing-in of a salary structure. 3.9% overall salary increase. Total appropriations are 1.7% below FY14 budget and the Healthcare cost is \$4,850 less. There were questions on permanent positions.

There was a motion to reduce account #110, however it was explained that the Town Council only has authority over the bottom line not individual accounts. Motion was withdrawn.

Move to decrease the bottom line for the Derry Public Library by \$26,796. Motion by Chairman Osborne, seconded by Councilor Cardon
Vote: 2-4-1 (Councilors Katsakiores, Bourdon, Fischer, Cardon)
(Councilor Fairbanks) Motion Failed

Chairman Osborne, Moved the bottom line for the Derry Public Library in the amount of \$1,252,662 Seconded by Councilor Katsakiores
Vote: 6-0-1(Councilor Fairbanks)

Taylor Library

Candace Andrews, Trustee, & Linda Merrill, Library Director presented the budget. Due to lower HealthTrust rates, there is a reduction in health insurance of \$1,097.00 1.5% Increase in salary, a 0.6% increase over all. The furnace replacement will come from the library capital reserve fund. The cost to run the library is \$5.37 per capita per year and is a \$20.00 impact on a \$250,000 home.

Move to amend the bottom line of Taylor Library to the amount of \$0, Chairman Osborne, seconded by Councilor Dimmock. (See below)

Chairman Osborne gave an explanation regarding his motion on this budget as; due to the total personnel services being \$159,174 and the operations and maintenance budget being only \$28,015. He doesn't think it is fiscally responsible to fund two libraries. Councilors voiced their opinion for and against this funding.

Motion to red flag this budget by Councilor Dimmock, seconded by Chairman Osborne 2-5-0 (Councilors Cardon, Fischer, Bourdon, Katsakiores, and Osborne) Motion Failed

**Move to amend the bottom line of Taylor Library to the amount of \$0, Chairman Osborne, seconded by Councilor Dimmock.
Vote: 3-4-0 (Councilors Cardon, Katsakiores, Fischer, and Bourdon) Motion Failed**

**Councilor Katsakiores, Moved the bottom line for the Taylor Library in the amount of \$187,189 seconded by Councilor Cardon
Vote: 4-3-0 (Councilors Fairbanks, Dimmock, and Osborne)**

Planning Department

George Sioras & Elizabeth Robidoux
Mr. Sioras gave an overview of the department.

**Move to remove \$3,300 from OT account # 140 Councilor Fischer, seconded by Councilor Dimmock.
After discussion Councilor Dimmock withdrew his second.
Re-seconded by Chairman Osborne Vote: 2-5-0 (Councilor Cardon, Fairbanks, Katsakiores, Fischer, and Bourdon) Motion Failed**

**Councilor Katsakiores, Moved the bottom line in Planning in the amount of \$273,587, seconded by Councilor Bourdon.
Vote: 6-1-0 (Councilor Fischer)**

Emergency Management

Chief Klauber requested to make some needed capital expenditures. A new signboard purchase is in this budget for \$15,500.

Discussion: Portable Reader Board.

**Move to remove \$15,500 from account #740 and corresponding revenue line #39399 to \$0. Motion by: Councilor Fairbanks, seconded by Councilor Dimmock.
Vote: 3-4-0 (Councilors Cardon, Fischer, Dimmock, and Katsakiores) Motion Failed**

**Councilor Cardon, Moved the bottom line for Emergency Management Department in the amount of \$70,968, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores
Vote: 7-0-0**

Adjournment 9:55 p.m.

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