

Meeting of the Candia Municipal Budget Committee
Approved Minutes
January 10, 2018

Town Office Building

Members Present:

Budget Committee Chair Allyn Chivers, Selectman's Rep. Susan Young, Paul Leblond, Jodi Hedstrom, Bob Stout, Todd Keating and Katrina Niles
Absent; School Board Rep; Stephanie Helmig

Chairman Chivers opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meetings

11/29/2017 Meeting Minutes
Approved with changes.
All in favor.

12/07/2017 Meeting Minutes
Approved with changes.
All in favor.

12/13/2017 Meeting Minutes
Approved with changes.
All in favor.

Warrant Article Review for Recommendations

Are you in favor of Article 27 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to the Tax Collectors Stipend, said funds to be directed by the Board of Selectmen. RSA 41:33. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0)
Chairman Chivers explained that the budget committee does not vote on warrant articles that don't involve money.

Chairman Chivers; Any discussion?

Stephanie Helmig; asked if the money was in the town budget?

Selectman Young; stated that because she is not a town official it has to be done this way. The tax payers have to approve any increase in her stipend.

Jodi Hedstrom; asked, "this isn't included in the budget"?

Selectman Young; “yes, there is a line for it”.

Chairman Chivers; asked if anyone else got a stipend increase. A lot of the employees we have are stipend, like Dennis Lewis, the welfare director?

Selectman Young; The welfare director isn't stipend and Dennis would have to ask for a raise because he's an elected official.

Dennis Lewis; If we see him in a grader he's getting grader rate, if he's plowing he gets the plowing rate, it's set by the state. Sometimes his pay rate changes 4 or 5 times in a day. He gets \$20.00 an hour when not in a vehicle and \$66.00 hour when he's in his dump truck etc.

Chairman Chivers; informed everyone that the tax collector is \$8,514.00

Susan Gill; made a motion to recommend Article 27.

All in favor.

9-0

Are you in favor of Article 28 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an agreement with the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of Property Taxes before they are assessed or due. (RSA 80:52-a Taxpayers may prepay taxes up to 2 years in advance of the due date of the taxes if voted on by the governing board, No interest accrues on any prepayment, nor will interest be paid to the taxpayer on any prepayment, which may later be subject to refund) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1)

Are you in favor of Article 29 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Board of Selectmen to contractually discuss, on annual basis during the budgeting process, any wage increases for the Tax Collector's yearly stipend i.e. COLA (Cost of Living Adjustments) or increases due to extended years of service. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0)

Are you in favor of Article 30 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to the Treasurer's Stipend, said funds to be directed by the Board of Selectmen. RSA 41:33. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0)

Selectman Young; Made a motion that we recommend Article 30

Stephanie Helmig; seconded it.

All in favor.

9-0

Are you in favor of Article 31 as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Board of Selectmen to contractually discuss, on annual basis during the budgeting process, any wage increases for the Treasurer's yearly stipend i.e. COLA (Cost of Living Adjustments) or increases due to extended years of service. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 0)

Chairman Chivers; requested that they make a final vote on the town budget.

Bob Stout; made a motion to recommend the town budget of \$2,727,486.00.

Selectman Young; seconded the motion.

All in favor.

9-0

Chairman Chivers; requested that they make a final vote on Article 2 to move it to the deliberative session.

Stephanie Helmig; made a motion to recommend the Article 2.

seconded the motion.

All in favor.

9-0

Discussion ensued over a petition. Please see audio version for details.

Selectman Young; explained that she has all the faith in the world that if the money isn't spent it will be returned to the town. That it's important to have a confidence in the departments spending and be prepared for whatever comes our way. It will be discussed at the town deliberative session.

Chairman Chivers; handed out the schools default budget for signing.

Chairman Chivers; elections are coming up, Paul Leblond will not be running again but Chairman Chivers will be.

The Deliberative session is being held February 3rd at the Moore School at 9:00 am.

The School Deliberative session is on Thursday, February 8th at 6:00pm at the Moore School.

Chairman Chivers; asked if anyone had anything else they'd like to discuss?

Todd Keating; made a motion to adjourn.

Katrina Niles; seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Meeting ended 7:43 pm