

**Board of Selectmen
October 30, 2017**

Mr. Edwards called the posted meeting to order at 2 p.m. The Board proceeded to review the proposed 2018 Municipal Budget as follows:

Public Safety – Police Department

Ms. Twombly noted that in the 2017 budget, 40 hours per week were budgeted for the paralegal in the clerical line (01-42101-110). The request for 2018 refers to 2 part-time positions totaling 52 hours per week. Ms. Twombly believes both positions should be limited to a total of 40 hours. **Mr. Avellani moved to amend this line to reflect 40 hours per week for 2 positions (paralegal and Chief Admin). Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 2-1 (Mr. Edwards voting against).**

It was noted that the part-time line (01-42101-120) reflects an additional 20 hours per week compared with the 2017 budget. **Mr. Avellani moved to amend this line to \$44,060, to reflect 40 hours per week, plus 200 hours for PT academy attendance. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

The holiday line (01-42101-190) reflects 9.5 holidays. 10.5 will actually be paid in 2017, and 11.5 in 2018 across the board. Mr. Avellani recommended to keep payment of 1 extra holiday from the contingency line for 2017, then reflect 11.5 holidays for 2018 in each department's budget. **Mr. Avellani moved the new section total at \$832,657. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-1 (Ms. Twombly voting against).**

Community Services – Gafney Library

The Board reviewed additional information provided by the Gafney Library personnel. **Mr. Avellani moved the request at \$138,655. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

Outside Agencies

Mr. Avellani suggested it may be best to let the Budget Committee decide upon this funding. Ms. Collins stated that she personally contacted White Horse to encourage them to submit an appropriation request as the Town of Wakefield refers individuals to their program, which is not part of what Carroll County supports.

A new request was received from Children Unlimited for \$1900. Part of the GWRC request includes funds to process applications for the Meals on Wheels program. The Town's Welfare Director could vet these applications. These meals are delivered only to Wakefield residents. Discussion followed regarding the original grant requirements. **Mr. Avellani moved the GWRC request at \$29,500. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

Mr. Avellani moved the AWWA request at \$15,000. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mr. Edwards moved the White Horse request at \$2000. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 3-0

Mr. Edwards moved the Children Unlimited request at \$1500. Mr. Avellani seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mr. Edwards moved the American Red Cross request at \$0. Mr. Avellani seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mr. Avellani moved the section total at \$103,684. Ms. Twombley seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Highway Safety Grants

Discussed the DWI checkpoint grant. The Board will leave these funds in the 2018 budget, but will have a conversation with new administration when the time comes. **Mr. Avellani moved the section total at \$40,189. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

Highway Department

This request reflects a \$90,000 increase from 2017. The vehicle maintenance line (01-43122-660) is high due to the condition of 2 trucks. Discussed lease options. Each truck costs \$210,000 to purchase. A multi-year lease would be dependent upon passage of the relevant warrant article and would include a \$1 buyout at the end of the lease. Mr. Avellani stated the lease is really a loan with payments spread out over a number of years. Discussed the pros and cons of leasing, as well as the condition of the current trucks. Each has surpassed their life expectancy. Discussed potential use of undesignated fund balance. It was agreed to meet on November at 1 p.m. to review revisions to be received from Leigh Nichols, Director of Public Works.

Mr. Avellani moved to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Ms. Twombley seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

Richard C. Edwards, Chairperson

Connie Twombley

Lino Avellani