



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance were members of the Board of Finance, Comptroller Robert Kozlowski and Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering.

First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 recommended budget to the Board of Finance

First Selectman Knickerbocker presented the Board of Selectmen recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget as follows:

100-Selectmen’s Office	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$236,970
	BOS recommendation	\$236,970

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

110-Treasurer	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$7,500
	BOS recommendation	\$7,500

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

120-Finance	Fiscal Year 2015-2016	\$409,382
	BOS recommendation	\$409,382

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

130-Town Clerk	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$220,227
	BOS recommendation	\$213,227

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction of \$7,000 to 130-305 Codification/Microfilming; the town clerk negotiated a reduction in the contract.

140-Assessor	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$209,696
	Board of Selectmen	\$209,696

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

150-Tax Collector	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$196,745
	BOS recommendation	\$196,945

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommended a correction to 150-109 Longevity; the amount should have been \$600 but was listed as \$400 and recommends funding this account at \$196,945.

160-Professional Services	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$237,680
	BOS recommendation	\$237,680

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

170-Probate Office	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$4,966
	BOS recommendation	\$4,966

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

180-Building Inspection	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$214,979
	BOS recommendation	\$214,979

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding. He advised that a software program in the current budget will be utilized for file storage and access.

190 – Data Processing	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$264,552
	BOS recommendation	\$264,552

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

200-Social Services	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$34,500
	BOS recommendation	\$34,500

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

210-Town Insurance	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$1,162,537
	BOS recommendation	\$1,162,537

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

220-Fleet Maintenance	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$359,096
	BOS recommendation	\$359,096

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

230-Public Works	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$310,542
	BOS recommendation	\$279,595

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted the Board of Selectmen reduced 230-101 Director by \$20,000 which will now be paid out of the Public Utilities account, reduced 230-103 Secretary by \$6,948 due to a funding adjustment with Public Utilities, and reduced 230-313 Contracted Services by \$4,000.

240-Highway Department	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$1,346,248
	BOS recommendation	\$1,357,248

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction to 106-Negotiated Salaries of \$24,000 (part-time administrative assistant) and an increase to 240-404 Road Construction of \$35,000.

250-Planning & Zoning	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$223,636
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BOS recommendation **\$223,636**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

260-Building Maintenance **Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request** **\$698,413**
BOS recommendation **\$698,413**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

270-Tree Warden **Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request** **\$94,400**
BOS recommendation **\$94,400**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

290-Emergency Management **Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request** **\$30,250**
BOS recommendation **\$27,250**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction of \$3,000 to 290-201 Supplies for the Tower Lease.

300-Fire Marshal **Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request** **\$90,968**
BOS recommendation **\$90,968**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

310-Bethel Fire Department **Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request** **\$219,675**
BOS recommendation **\$176,675**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction of \$5,500 to 310-207 Fire House Maintenance (painting at \$2,500 and grounds maintenance of \$3,000) and a reduction of \$5,000 to 310-301 Dues & Education (Chief's stipend). He advised that the Hurst motor replacement (\$4,000) and the Station air compressor replacement (\$30,000) would be considered for funding from either the Capital Non-Recurring account, the "to be" proposed Capital items, or even their current budget.

320-Stony Hill Fire Department **Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request** **\$147,250**
BOS recommendation **\$128,750**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction to 320-202 Equipment & Supplies of \$500, a reduction of \$1,000 to 330-306 Professional Services (recruitment) and a reduction of \$13,000 to 320-403 Capital Equipment for the Thermal Imaging Camera (which is planned to be recommended to come from either the Capital Non-Recurring Account, or the "to be" proposed Capital items.)

330-Registrar of Voters	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$108,786
	BOS recommendation	\$108,786

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

340-Town Boards & Comm.	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$113,350
	BOS recommendation	\$113,350

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

350-Health Department	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$289,545
	BOS recommendation	\$284,545

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a \$5,000 reduction to 350-313 Capital Equipment for the vehicle. She will be utilizing a used police vehicle.

360-Police Department	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$4,216,766
	BOS recommendation	\$4,189,366

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction of \$27,400 from 360-403 Capital Equipment of one vehicle.

380-Parks & Recreation	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$957,572
	BOS recommendation	\$947,572

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted the Board of Selectmen recommends a reduction of \$2,500 to 380-105 Part-time salaries, a reduction of \$5,000 to 380-316 Programs and a reduction of \$2,500 to 380-313 Contracted Services for Library areas and islands.

390-Employee Benefits	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$6,649,543
	BOS recommendation	\$6,649,543

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

400-Non. Govt. Agency Subsidies	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$34,588
	BOS recommendation	\$17,369

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted the Board of Selectmen recommends funding the following: 400 – Non Government Agency Subsidies at \$17,369. This recommends funding the following: 400-334 Mental Health Center at \$1,500, 400-335 Women’s Center at \$3,000, 400-336 Ability Beyond Disability at \$5,000, 400-360 Hospice at \$3,500, 400-366 Bethel Combat Veterans at \$2,500, 400-372 and New Opportunities at \$1,869.

405-Intra Govt Agency Subsidies	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$442,840
	BOS recommendation	\$422,840

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted a reduction of \$20,000 to 405-349 Visiting Nurse Association and recommends no change to the other line items in this account.

410-Utilities, Charges & Serv.	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$2,405,362
	BOS recommendation	\$2,405,362

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

420-Misc. Charges & Transfers	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$543,390
	BOS recommendation	\$543,390

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

430-Senior Center	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$187,061
	BOS recommendation	\$187,061

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

435-Library	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$854,486
	BOS recommendation	\$835,692

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends a general reduction of 3% from the bottom line of \$18,794.

440-Debt Service	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$3,871,613
	BOS recommendation	\$3,871,613

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

450-Board of Education	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$43,382,535
	BOS recommendation	\$43,382,535

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

460 – BOE Maintenance	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 request	\$500,000
	BOS recommendation	\$500,000

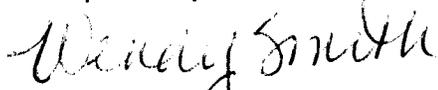
First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Selectmen recommends no change to the requested funding.

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen has not finalized their recommendation for capital items; they will meet Monday March 2nd to determine their recommendations.

The Board of Selectmen's recommended Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget is \$71,086,988 which consists of \$23,332,840 (town operating), \$500,000 (Board of Education Maintenance), \$3,871,613 (Debt Service) and \$43,382,535 (Board of Education).

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary