

RYE BUDGET COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2021
4pm

Attendees: Jaci Grote, Chair, Margaret Balboni, Vice Chair, Jeff Ross, Doug Abrams, Phil Winslow, Dania Seglie, Ralph Hickson, Randy Crapo, Shawn Crapo

Meeting was opened by Chair Grote at 4pm with the reading of the attestation followed by the pledge of allegiance

Work session

Meeting minutes were approved unanimously 9-0 as follows:

Jan 7 – motion by Phil Winslow/second Ralph – 8-1-0 Randy Crapo abstained

Jan 13 – motion by Ralph Hickson/second Dania Seglie – 8-1-0 Randy Crapo abstained

Jan 14 – motion by Ralph Hickson/second Jeff Ross – 7-2-0 Randy Crapo and Doug Abrams abstained

Public Hearing

Rye Beach Village District – presented by Frank Drake

The 2020 actual expenses were 86% of the budgeted \$159,450. The 2021 budget of \$146,350 takes into account the standard expenses for the village. Revenues are budgeted at \$24,963, again, standard projections for the district. A surplus of \$79,889 will be returned to the residents for tax reduction.

Doug Abrams motioned to recommend \$146,350 for the Rye Beach Village District budget – seconded by Jeff Ross for a 9-0 roll call vote.

Jenness Beach District budget – presented by Randy Crapo

The Jenness Beach budget of \$92,645 is dominated by rental of hydrants owned by the city of Portsmouth. Street lighting and liability insurance account for another \$10,000 approximately. These are standard expenditures for the Jenness Beach district. A \$40,000 surplus will be used to reduce the tax base.

Doug Abrams motioned to recommend the \$92,645 with a second from Phil Winslow for a 9-0 roll call vote.

Rye Water District budget – presented by Art Ditto

Mr. Ditto presented the details of the Rye Water District budget that will be voted on at their annual meeting to be scheduled at a later date. Highlights from this presentation include:

Electric costs have increased by \$2,000 at the water district complexes due to the installment of generators.

The Rye Water District purchases water from Portsmouth for the Wentworth Road area – this is standard practice

A generator will be installed at specified complex - \$55,000

New well at Cedar Run (\$160,000 engineering, \$300,000 well construction)

After the review, the Rye Water District warrant articles were read and voted on by the committee.

Article 4 – to raise and appropriate \$75,000 to replace existing truck and authorize withdrawal of \$60,000 from the existing Equipment and Buildings Capital fund. Therefore \$15,000 will need to be raised from taxes. Currently, there is \$63,000 in the fund.

Motion to recommend by Phil Winslow with a second from Dania Seglie – roll call vote 9-0.

Article 5 - \$30,000 to be placed in the Storage Tank Maintenance fund. There is currently \$122,462 in this fund. A tank maintenance process (clean, repair etc.) can cost up to \$200,000 and the tank is due in the next couple of years.

Motion to recommend by Doug Abrams and a second from Phil Winslow. Roll call vote 9-0

Article 6 – Raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the existing Equipment and Building Capital fund. A motion to recommend made by Doug Abrams with a second from Phil Winslow. Roll call vote 9-0

Article 7 – The Rye District budget of \$1,722,325 – motion made by Shawn Crapo with a second from Dania Seglie. Roll call vote 9-0.

Other Business

The MS37 sheets for all of these budgets will be brought to the Town Hall for signature.

Motion to adjourn at 5:20pm made Shawn Crapo with a second from Doug Abrams – roll call vote 9-0.