

FY2020 DANVILLE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of our November 19, 2019 meeting

Chairman Tom Billbrough called this meeting of the FY2020 Danville Budget Committee to order at 7:30 PM, with the following members present:

Dottie Billbrough	Present	Ed Lang	Present
Tom Billbrough *	Present	Sue Overstreet	Present
Rob Collins	Excused	Jeff Steenson **	Present
Sheila Johannesen ***	Present		

* Chairperson

** Vice Chairperson

*** BOS Representative

During the review of our November 12th minutes, several errors were noted and corrected. These included changing the date of the next meeting from November 12th to November 19th, and a correction of the Health account # (no budgetary changes). The revised minutes were accepted unanimously.

We then began our review of several BoS “approved” budgets. Our methodology was to review a specific budget, discuss what was being requested by the department and what was approved by the BoS. Unless a decision was made to table that particular budget a motion would be made. If the motion was seconded, the motion was then voted on. Should the motion fail, or if it was not seconded, we then continued our discussion until a new motion was made, seconded and approved, or until a decision was made to table discussion.

4220 Fire – Chief Woitkun and Fire Ward Brian Delahunty attended to present the proposed Fire Department Budget. At the end of their presentation, Jeff made a motion to accept the proposed FY2020 budget in the amount of \$396,179. Ed seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4589 Recreation – Two members of the recreation committee were present to answer questions that had been raised previously; Ed made a motion to accept the proposed FY2020 budget in the amount of \$17,750. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4619 Forestry – Carsten Springer was present to answer questions that had been raised previously; Jeff made a motion to accept the proposed FY2020 budget in the amount of \$1,110. Ed seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4611 Conservation – We had passed a motion to accept the proposed FY2020 budget in the amount of \$19,555 at our November 12th meeting, however Carson Springer ask that we bring the budget to the floor as he had concerns on the wording in our minutes. Carson asked that we make it explicitly clear that the Milfoil portion of the Conservation budget is not under the control of the Conservation Committee. With no objections to doing so, Tom agreed to modify the November 12th minutes to clarify that the Conservation budget is made up of two components: Conservation Committee and “Milfoil”.

4290.10 Emergency Management –Jeff made a motion to accept the proposed FY2020 budget in the amount of \$8,076. Ed seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

After the discussion on the BoS approved budgets we had an open discussion between the members of the BoS where were present in the room (Scott Borucki, David Cogswell, Sheila) and the BudCom regarding joint meetings to review budgets going forward. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was the consensus of the BudCom that it was a suggestion that would make things more effective, however due to the need to plan and coordinate the transition to such a methodology, and the fact that we’re well into the FY2020 budgeting process, it would be best to start with meetings early on in 2020 to prepare and work out the details for implementation in the FY2021 budgeting process.

Tom then brought up a citizen’s complaint that a BudCom member had been expressing his/her opinion in social media. Tom had responded to the complaint by reminding everyone that everyone, regardless of their affiliation with the BudCom has a constitutional right to speak their opinion. However Tom did stress that we need to be

explicit in the fact that one is speaking their own opinion and not to mislead people into thinking it is the opinion of the BudCom.

Tom then mentioned that he had received an email from Jeff stating that he would remain on the committee but was like to resign as Vice Chair. Tom asked for volunteers for the position; none came forward however Sheila made a motion to nominate Rob as Vice Chair. At that point, since Rob was not present to accept the nomination, Tom tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM. Our next meeting will be on December 3rd, 2019 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted
Tom Billbrough
Chairperson