



Warner Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 24, 2017
UNAPPROVED

Mike Cutting opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Committee members in attendance: Not stated

Members heard over the recording: Mike Cutting, Martha Mical, David Minton, Kimberley Edelmann, Martha Bodnarik

Also present: Police Chief Bill Chandler, John Leavitt, Fire Chief Ed Raymond, Ed Mical

1. Police Department Building Tour

- A. Police Chief Bill Chandler, provided a tour of the facility with Budget Committee members.
- B. Bill is looking to fill the vacant part-time position. He said he will be looking at going for another Cops Grant next year to bring another full time officer on. Bill said FBI statistics say there should be two full time officers for every 1,000 in population, currently there are 4 full time officers and 1 vacant part-time officer. Bill said he would retain the part-time position but reduce the hours if the staff was built to 6 full time officers. Bill has always said in the past it's a great staff and schedule as long as nobody ever takes any days off for anything, and when time off is taken, he doesn't have a replacement officer, so as a town, it goes without coverage.
- C. Kimberley asked if the PD has partnerships with other towns. Bill said it only relates to mutual aid, assistance with a call. Bill said his theory on a community Police Department is the taxpayers want to see their own.
- D. The department is purchasing a new SUV which was scheduled to be replaced.
- E. The Committee members finished the tour of the building with the Police Chief.
- F. Bill will be looking to fund the replacement vehicle capital reserve as he has in the past.

2. Fire Department Building Tour

- A. Committee members toured the Fire Station with Chief Raymond. Ed provided an update/status on the replacement truck.
- B. Ed showed the Committee members where a bathroom was removed to make room for a vehicle.
- C. The department purchased 6 brand new outfits (turn out gear), a pair of pants and a jacket cost \$2,800, \$300 for boots and \$150 for a hat.
- D. There's a four wheeler, snowmobile, trailer, lighting and a boat stored off site. A forestry truck is stored at the Kearsarge Mt. Road building and a side by side at the Chief's house. If a new building is built it will accommodate all the off site equipment.
- E. Emergency Management Director, Ed Mical, talked to the Committee about the Emergency Operation Center that is also housed in the Fire Department. The current space is very limited. Ed explained that he has applied for an Emergency Management Performance Grant and can receive up to \$100,000 for equipment that would be used for an Emergency Operation Center at a new fire station. The grant is a 50/50 match, and the construction cost of the building can be used as part of the 50/50.

F. The Committee was shown a draft drawing of the floor plans for a new fire station.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at (no time stated).

Recorder of the minutes: Mary Whalen