

Present: Supervisor Newlin; Council Members Bax, Edwards, Johnson & Palmer; Finance Officer DiRamio & Town Clerk Brandon.

Also Present: Supervisor-Elect Reiter and Councilman-Elect Marra.

The Supervisor opened the final 2010 budget meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Newlin: I received a request from former Councilman Langlois to increase the American Legion budget which has been budgeted at \$600. They want to purchase new flags for the graves of Lewiston veterans. They are asking for an additional appropriation of \$300.

**Edwards MOVED to increase the budgeted amount for the American Legion/Lewiston from \$600 to \$900. Account # 6510.0422. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.**

Newlin: This happens every year as we go thru salaries. We have about 100 employees and try to keep things as fair as possible. An employee in the Water Dept.; Darlene Norwich has been working for the Town for about 13 years with comparative salary to people in the same class with the same time served with the Town and has actually worked longer than some others and she is asking for a salary increase...an hourly increase that totals about \$600 a year from \$16.81 to \$17.61 an hour. I have run this by Barbara Cich who handles the payroll issues. She believes it is fair and the Budget Office concurs. We have the money in the Water District to do it. I will throw it out here for discussion. Again, it is somewhere between \$575 to \$600 change next year overall. It is an 80¢ increase and would get her in line with people of the same class. It would come out of the Water Admin. Personal Service.

DiRamio: It would come from SW1 8310.100. (Page 42)

Johnson asked if we just pay her out of that or do we pay her out of.....

DiRamio said there is a small percentage split but the other two funds have enough to cover it because the full amount will be \$600. It will go to \$18,728.00.

**Bax MOVED that the hourly wage for Darlene Norwich go from \$16.81 to \$17.61 and charged to SW1 8310.100 Water Admin. Personal Services. Seconded by Johnson and carried 5-0.**

Newlin: The refuse tax matter that was brought up at the last board meeting and I had made a proposal that I am glad that the Board has considered and that we taken money from the H-99 Account. The total is \$159,810. We have done this in years prior and it would pay off entirely the \$35.00 per town household charge on which amounts to the Modern pickup fee for each home. So it is \$35.00 a house times about 5000 homes. The amount would be \$159,810 to be paid out of H-99 to pay off the special district tax in what is designated in your packets under special districts. (Page 31 SR-7140.0400).

DiRamio: It will drop down to the bottom line SR-1000-5031-000 because we are going to transfer it in from H-99 to cover that. At the top of the page it will go to zero from Real Property Tax line. Under the transfer line, \$159,810 will go in there.

**Bax MOVED to appropriate \$159,810 to SR-1000-5031-00 from H-99 to pay off the refuse bill for the fiscal year 2010. Seconded by Mr. Palmer. Carried 5-0.**

Bax inquired about the equipment line for recreation. It will be discussed on 11/23/09 meeting.

DiRamio asked if a date had been set for the final audit so that she can send letters to the department heads for their encumbrances in and because of the holiday Ms.

following dates were suggested: 12/28/09 p.m.; 12/29 & 12/30 early p.m.

Newlin suggested that if the encumbrances were ready they would the final audit at the RTBM on December 28<sup>th</sup> otherwise on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Newlin MOVED to hold the Final Audit Meeting on December 30, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. Seconded by Johnson and carried 5-0.**

DiRamio: Is the Board authorizing me to make those changes and adopt the budget?

**Johnson MOVED that we allow the Budget Office to make the changes as presented and adopt the 2010 budget. Seconded by Bax & carried 5-0.**

Newlin thanked the Board for their support and their unanimous budget and there is no town tax for 2010. A 3% reduction in the water tax and a \$35.00 per house reduction on the refuse tax. It is a good budget and I am sure they could use our help in Albany.

A discussion took place on the previous hiring of a part time police officer (V. Muto) who is now unable to accept the appointment.

**Palmer MOVED to accept the recommendation of Chief Salada and hire part time officer, Kevin Morse at the prevailing starting rate. Seconded by Johnson and carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Johnson and seconded by Bax to adjourn at 2:52 p.m. Carried 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted and Transcribed by:

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Town Clerk