

PRESENT Chairman Ronald Fedor, Norman Glidden, John W. Sheehan, Alan Wilensky,  
George Peteros, G. Brian Vachris, Rosalyn Dupuis at 7:55 pm.

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

RTM Thomas Dembek, Michael Hannan, Andrea Kanfer, Paul Goldstein

MEDIA Paul Petrone, Waterford Patch

STAFF Ruth Beers, Finance Director; Yvette M. Pier, Secretary

Mr. Fedor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

He explained the budget review process and asked if anyone had comments regarding the budget. There were no comments.

**ITEM 1 Fire Commission**

**MOTION** To tentatively approve the Fire Commission budget in the amount of \$2,073,820 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Sheehan, Vachris

Fire Administrator Bruce Miller was present and noted that this budget is the beginning of a consolidated budget for the entire fire service that will be taking place over the next year. Utilities for all the fire companies have been moved into the Fire Commission portion of the budget.

Discussion: Mr. Vachris asked if there is reimbursement for mutual aid calls to New London and Mr. Miller said there is reimbursement. The Board reviewed Clothing Allowance, Educational Incentive and Educational Cost in the Benefit Cost Summary. There is a \$10 reimbursement per credit under Educational Incentive, payable upon hiring. Discussion was held regarding Fire Calls other than ambulance calls.

Discussion continued regarding LI 51410 Fire Fighting salaries, shift history, and number of hours worked. The Board reviewed the Incident Type Report – false alarms are spread out, not always from the same source. Mr. Peteros noted that the residents appreciate the response to service calls.

**MOTION** 52000 Series –  
To tentatively reduce LI 52010 Advertising to \$800.  
Sheehan, Peteros Yes: Sheehan, Peteros, Wilensky, Fedor  
No: Glidden, Vachris  
Motion passed

**MOTION** To tentatively reduce LI 52020 Postage to \$125.  
Sheehan, Vachris Yes: Sheehan, Vachris, Peteros, Wilensky, Fedor  
No: Glidden  
Motion passed

**MOTION** To tentatively reduce LI 52060 Printing to \$50.  
Sheehan, Wilensky Unanimous

LI 52050 – Dues, Conferences and Education. Mr. Sheehan suggested group training to solve casualty problem(s) that require response from more than one department; it would allow for newer fire fighters to learn how to handle such problems rather than going to the Fire academy

LI 52040 – Service Contracts and Repairs - \$2,376 for copier lease. This is a new copier with a scanner.

Ms. Dupuis arrived at this time.

LI 52080 Telephone - \$120 per line charge; circuit costs are varied.

The Board reviewed Water use, clothing allowance including protective gear.

LI 52320 Rental of Hydrants – The number listed is the actual number being billed for.

MOTION To tentatively approve the 52000 series in the amount of \$576,051.  
Sheehan, Wilensky Yes: Sheehan, Wilensky, Glidden, Fedor, Vachris, Peteros  
Abstain: Dupuis  
Motion passed

53000 series - Review of the diesel/gasoline history.

MOTION To tentatively approve the Board of Fire Commission budget in the amount of \$2,073,495.  
Wilensky, Sheehan Unanimous

The Board recessed at 8:30 pm.  
The meeting was reconvened at 8:40 pm.

**ITEM 2**  
MOTION **Waterford Fire Company**  
To tentatively approve the Waterford Fire Company budget in the amount of \$101,000.  
Sheehan, Dupuis

Chief Timothy Sullivan was present. Fire Police: Mr. Sheehan requested more detail regarding the costs associated for the fire companies' requirements of State-mandated equipment that must be provided to the fire police.

The overhead door that was replaced wasn't commercial grade prior to the upgrade.

Fire fighting supplies - Rescue jacks required maintenance.

Building maintenance – Grounds were in poor shape due to construction. The generator needed maintenance due to its age, pending change of service.

**Vote on original motion – Unanimous - \$101,000**

**ITEM 3**  
MOTION **Quaker Hill Fire Company**  
To tentatively approve the Quaker Hill Fire Company budget in the amount of \$95,881.  
Vachris, Sheehan

Chief Matthew Carson was present. Building maintenance - \$6,000 for vinyl siding is for the rear of the building and the application will be done in-house.

Radios – VHF Mobile Radio is to communicate with Montville.

Administration Expenses – Mr. Peteros felt that \$2,300 was too much for office supplies.

MOTION To tentatively reduce the Quaker Hill Fire Company budget to \$92,881.  
Wilensky, Peteros Yes: Wilensky, Peteros, Sheehan, Dupuis, Glidden, Fedor  
No: Vachris  
Motion passed

**ITEM 4**  
MOTION **Goshen Fire Department**  
To tentatively approve the Goshen Fire Department budget in the amount of \$78,781.  
Sheehan, Dupuis

Chief Neil Wiseman was present. The Board reviewed Fire Fighting Supplies and Apparatus Maintenance. Mr. Peteros felt the cost for tire replacement is disproportionate, that W33 gets less usage.

MOTION To tentatively reduce the budget by \$500 relative to tire replacement.  
Peteros, Sheehan Yes: Peteros  
No: Sheehan, Dupuis, Glidden, Fedor, Wilensky, Fedor  
Motion failed

**Vote on original motion - \$78,781 Yes: Sheehan, Dupuis, Glidden, Fedor, Wilensky, Vachris**  
**No: Peteros**

**ITEM 5** **Oswegatchie Fire Company**  
MOTION To tentatively approve the Oswegatchie Fire Company budget in the amount of \$108,702.  
Dupuis, Glidden

Chief Mark Schenking was present. Building maintenance – funds for two openers for overhead doors at the back. Discussion was held regarding recruiting volunteers.  
**Vote on original motion - \$108,702 - Unanimous**

**ITEM 6** **Cohanzie Fire Company**  
MOTION To tentatively approve the Cohanzie Fire Company budget in the amount of \$100,159.  
Sheehan, Dupuis

Chief John Mariano was present. It was noted that insurance has increased. Fire Fighting Supplies – Chief Mariano explained \$1,000 for standpipe pack use.  
**Vote on original motion - \$100,159 – Unanimous**

MOTION To adjourn at 9:50 pm.  
Sheehan, Wilensky Unanimous

Submitted by, Prepared by,  
  
Alan Wilensky, Clerk Yvette M. Pier, Secretary