

Town of Candia Municipal Budget Committee Approved Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 14, 2021
Location: Town Office Building
Zoom Meeting ID# 85108686391
Attendees: Lynn Chivers
Dick Snow (attended via Zoom)
Sue Young
Susan Gill
Katrina Niles
Bob Stout
Todd Keating
Stephanie Helmig
Jodi Hedstrom
Kaycee Vitale

Chairman Chivers opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Election of Officers

- Chairman
 - Lynn Chivers was nominated by Todd Keating
 - Jodi Hedstrom seconded the nomination
 - All in favor
 - Motion passes 9-0
- Vice Chairman
 - Bob Stout was nominated by Jodi Hedstrom
 - Susan Young seconded the nomination
 - All in favor
 - Motion passes 9-0
- Secretary
 - Todd Keating was nominated by Susan Gill
 - Susan Young seconded the nomination
 - All in favor
 - Motion passes 9-0

Approval of the Minutes from January 13, 2021

- Chairman Chivers mentioned to change Jodi Hedstrom motion and Chairman Chivers motion at the top of page six to read "motion to approve the school budget of \$9,311,706 which is the same as the default budget" instead of "motion to approve the school default budget of \$9,311,706 ". The budget committee does not approve the default budget.
- Selectman Young motions to approve minutes as amended
- Katrina Niles seconds the motion
- Motion passes 9 approve-0 opposed

Approval of the Minutes from February 10, 2021

- Katrina Niles motions to approve minutes
- Bob Stout seconds the motion
- Motion passes 9 approve-0 opposed

Town Reports

- Expenditure Report (updated as of 04/14/2021)
 - Chairman Chivers asked Selectman Young if she knew of any changes to the expenditure report.
 - Selectman Young stated that we had to move a lot of extra money into technology. She also stated that we moved some minor things around but the bottom line is what the taxpayers voted on.
- Revenue Report (updated as of 03/31/2021)
 - Bob Stout stated that there was a major jump in building permits; almost double
 - Selectman Young said that a lot of those were for inspections.
 - Jodi Hedstrom noted that the dog fines have shown an increase as well; up from \$101 to \$788.

School Reports

- Expenditure Report
 - Chairman Chivers said that the amount remaining on the Health Insurance for both regular instruction and special education is pretty large. There is \$56,000 left in regular instruction and \$35,000 left in Special Education.
 - Bob Stout said that the School is usually over on health insurance because you have to budget for everyone that is eligible.
 - Stephanie Helmig said she would ask around the details of the left-over funds.
 - Jodi Hedstrom asked; the School has already encumbered \$2,000,802, isn't that pretty high?
 - Stephanie Helmig answered NHRS professionals will be paid \$92,541 and a payment to Pinkerton also was encumbered.
 - Jodi Hedstrom asked if the school was trying to put some things in under maintenance?
 - Stephanie Helmig answered if there is anything left at the end of the year we are going to try and put it in. The last budget year, we took out \$70,000 from the original proposed budget. They are starting to prioritize whatever we can get done with the leftover funds. There are a couple of boilers that are in need of repair.
 - Todd Keating asked, what is SPED Middle other Professional Services? Nothing was in the budget but there was \$227,000 used.
 - Stephanie Helmig said she would reach out and ask. She believes they are in house services.
 - Todd Keating asked, what is SPED Middle Tuition other LEA's?
 - Stephanie Helmig answered that it is tuition to another private school
 - Todd Keating asked if they were anticipating nothing but then had something?
 - Stephanie Helmig said it looks like it but she will also ask.
 - Todd Keating asked, what is SPED Professional Education?
 - Stephanie Helmig said she would ask.
 - Todd noted that there were many line items that have nothing budgeted but have significant spending.
 - Chairman Chivers asked if all the kids were back in school now? She had heard complaints about children not being able to go back even if they wanted to.
 - Stephanie Helmig answered that everyone that wants in person instruction is in school now. We hired another teacher to create room and follow guidelines.
 - Todd Keating said that we had heard for quite a while that the building was needing repair and your repair building line does not have any spending.
 - Stephanie Helmig said that when the Budget Committee cut a part of the budget for the previous budget season, it came out of repair wish list items.
 - Todd Keating said that there is still \$20,000 budgeted for however you like to spend it. Only \$8000 has been spent.
 - Stephanie Helmig said to have the amount remaining encumbered she needs to have a P.O. so she is assuming something is in the works.

- Revenue Report
 - Selectman Young asked if we could get the count of the kids that are in school?
 - Stephanie Helmig said she would get it for the next meeting.
 - Jodi Hedstrom asked what is being played for Spring Sports?
 - Stephanie Helmig said there was not enough for Baseball or Softball. They are doing Track.
 - Todd Keating asked if there could be a two-town team?
 - Stephanie Helmig did not know but would think that we would want it in the same SAU.
 - Todd said they did it for the CYAA and kids want to play.

With there being no further business,
Katrina Niles moves to adjourn the meeting
Susan Gill seconds the motion
All in favor
Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm

Submitted by: Kaycee Vitale, Administrative Assistant