

**Tilton Northfield Fire District  
Budget Committee Meeting  
23 January 2012  
Tilton School Academic Building**

Present:

Donnie Stevens, Northfield (2013), Chairperson  
Kevin LaChapelle, Tilton (2014)  
George Flanders, Northfield (2014)  
Peter Fogg, Tilton (2012)  
David Tracy, Northfield (2012)  
Brad Ober, Fire Chief

Absent:

Jane Alden, Tilton (2013)  
Commissioner Tom Gallant (2012)

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Chair Stevens

- I. December 19, 2011, Minutes  
Kevin LaChappelle made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. George Flanders seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT**

***Category 331 Ambulance Billing Services***

Motion was made and seconded to move item 331 in the amount of \$24,000. Discussion: It was asked what the paramedic intercept was. Chief Ober explained that if we require a paramedic intercept from another service we get billed a flat fee for that. It allows us to bill the patient at the paramedic level. Chair Stevens stated that didn't have anything to do with the billing service. Chief Ober replied it is in that line. Chief Stevens asked why we would pay it out of that line. Chief Ober replied that is where it has been budgeted. Discussion ensued about why it is coming out of this line. Kevin LaChapelle stated this is the cleanest way to do it. Discussion ensued on whether that should be on a separate line. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

***Category 760 Vehicles***

Motion was made and seconded to accept line 760 written as \$630,000. Discussion: It was asked if the Quint is called into service on a fire would that be a call or one of the three full time running it. Chief Ober replied that it would be one of the call firefighters coming in unless one of the career people is down there. It will be housed at the Park Street Station. Maintenance

of a Quint was discussed. Chief Ober gave presentation on current 1981 Thibeault Ladder and proposed Quint. Height of the ladder was discussed. Chair Stevens asked what delivery time was. Chief Ober replied one year. Chair Stevens asked if this price included all necessary equipment. Chief Ober explained what was included in the price. Fixing the current ladder was discussed. Chair Stevens recommended bandaiding the truck to get it through chimney fire season and then taking it out of service. Chief Ober stated we submitted a grant through USDA. If approved we will get up to 15% of the cost of the ladder. He also submitted a grant through FEMA through the Fire Act Grant but he does not have high hopes on receiving that as ladder trucks are not high on their priority list. Chair Stevens asked about payment for the ladder. Chief Ober stated they will pay 50% upon ordering and then the balance upon delivery. A lease purchase versus cash purchase was discussed. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

***Category 740 Fire Equipment***

Chair Stevens asked Chief Ober if he had a list prepared that he was bringing to the budget hearing. Chief Ober replied he did.

Motion was made and seconded to move line 740 for \$68,500. Discussion: Chair Stevens requested Chief Ober highlight his list. Chief Ober stated it includes \$10,000 for Protective Clothing; \$17,500 for Hand Tools, Equipment & Hose; \$26,000 for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus; \$11,000 for an Emergency Stand-by Generator for Center Street Station and \$4,000 for Rescue Apparatus Compartment Modification. Line 960.5 Rescue Equipment for \$2,500 is included in the \$68,500. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

***Category 960.5 Rescue Equipment***

Motion was made and seconded to move line 960.5 for \$2,500. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

***Category 741 EMS Equipment***

Motion was made and seconded to accept line 741 at \$35,000. Discussion: This includes disposable medical supplies for \$22,000 and a Mechanical CPR Device for \$13,000. It was asked if the Mechanical CPR Device was one of thing that sits there and pumps somebody's chest all by itself. Chief Ober stated it was. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER**

Chair Stevens requested copies of the 2012 Proposed Budget for each of the Budget Committee members as well as copies for the public. Chief Ober stated they will have copies.

It was asked if they needed to vote on the warrant articles as to whether to recommend them or not. Chief Ober stated they needed to do that.

***Warrant Article 9***

Chief Ober stated the charge for hydrants is \$125,988. This is the same amount as last year. Discussion ensued about the Water District.

Motion was made and seconded to recommend Article 9. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed 3 to 2.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:31 pm. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Tobine  
Administrative Assistant