

The Alstead Board of selectmen met in open session on Tuesday January 10, 2017 at 6:30 at the municipal offices. The members present were Chris Rietmann, Rock Wilson, and Tim Noonan. Chairman Chris Rietmann called the meeting to order at 6:30. Tim led the pledge of allegiance. The minutes were read and amended. Rock Wilson moved to accept the amended minutes, Chris seconded.

An Alstead resident came to the meeting and explained he is considering purchasing land that abuts his property and asked if the Town was interested in buying it. The board answered they have no plans on purchasing this parcel.

Library treasurer Jeff Smull and trustee Matt Gillette asked about the wage increase they proposed in their 2017 budget. The BOS did not put the money back into that line. It was discussed they will make a motion to increase the wage line at the next several public meetings. Jeff asked when the library would be reimbursed, Kelly will look into this and let him know.

The 2017 budget was discussed and decided that Chris and Rock would like the budget be the same amount as last year. Tim would like to see the budget increase according to the 3% cap. The BOS asked Kelly to go through and remove Vilas Pool wages from the budget and add a \$1.00 to all the lines that are 0. Their will be another working session on Thursday January 12, 2017 at 9:00 am at the Town Offices.

The BOS decided to rescind their motion to strike the 10-wheeler for the highway department after discussing this with the department head. The discussion brought up many areas of concern about the benefits and costs to the Town. The current truck is longer able to be welded and repaired anymore and without a replacement the length of time to care for roads would increase, both in the winter and summer months, and a lease payment would increase the DPW budget. After a lot of discussion, no decision was made and it was decided that at the working session on Thursday the BOS will decide what their recommendations will be.

The BOS reviewed the Bridge Aid Program for their meeting with DuBois & King on Thursday January 12, 2017.

Kelly Wright requested the BOS consider offering the full-time employees dental coverage through the Fall Mountain School District. Since the Town is no longer contributing to their HSA accounts would they consider offering this benefit? The expense to the Town would be \$6,000 for the employee and their dependents. Kelly has done a poll with the employees and this is important to them. The board didn't agree to offer this at this time.

Bobbie Wilson from the Vilas Pool committee reported that after the deliberative session they will finalize their 2017 budget. The payroll will be higher since the Pool is open for swimming. Chris recommended the committee have multi year plan to be sustainable for the future.

Tim Noonan moved to adjourn, Rock Wilson seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly N Wright

