Town of Griswold
28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351

Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
Selectmen’s Meeting Room
Thursday, February 28, 2019
4:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Todd Babbit, First Selectman

   Members Present: Todd Babbit, First Selectman
   Steve Merchant Sr., Second Selectman
   Ed Burke, Third Selectman

   Others Present: Lisa M. Wood, Executive Assistant
   Julie Marcotte, Finance Director
   Brian Baker, CIP Chair
   James Barnie, Member

2. Discussion and possible action on 2019/2020 departmental budgets – CIP budget was presented by B. Baker and J. Barnie. The total CIP budget was presented at $1,356,155. Budget was broken down and presented by department. The needs of the departments were listed by priority. The Board of Education items were discussed with the three top priority items being security, roof at the alternative learning center and the eastern entrance of the campus. Senior center had nothing listed. Griswold Fire Department needs to replace and repair radios that would be able to handle the remote areas of the town. Jewett City Fire Department lists the parking lot and apron as a project and the borough would share half the cost. Public Works has $800,000 for road repairs/reconstruction. This account has been running light every year and has been recommended by the study that 1.5 million should be put into it every year. Public Works also need a gas tank replaced. Tank at the senior center also needs to be replaced. Pachaug Town Hall needs an HVAC system. The 20” wood chipper needs to be replaced. The IT infrastructure at Town Hall also needs to be replaced.
Request for donation from Community Renewal Team was received and has not been funded in the past and it was chosen not to fund them this year. Jewett City Little League put in a request for $3000. They were funded at $1000 last year and that has not yet been claimed. It was decided to fund the request for the $1000 again this year. Quinebaug Valley dispatch also submitted a request for funding and it was agreed to fund it based on the rate provided to us as it hasn’t changed in twelve years.

3. Discussion and possible action on final candidate for position of custodian – T. Babbitt noted he contacted references for the final two candidates and provided a brief report on the information received. E. Burke noted he would abstain from voting due to relationship with one candidate.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by S. Merchant, seconded by T. Babbitt, to offer the position of custodian to Dan Ruggiero with a condition of passing a background, physical and drug test. **Motion carried. T. Babbitt and S. Merchant in favor. E. Burke abstained.**

4. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion was made by E. Burke, seconded by T. Babbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Wood,
Executive Assistant