

**Georgia Selectboard Budget Meeting**  
**Chris Letourneau Meeting Room**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**  
**6:00 pm**

**Approved:**      **Approved**

**Present:**      Selectboard: Matt Crawford, Steve Lamos, Tara Wright, Jason Burt, Scott St. Onge. Town Administrator/Treasurer: Amber Baker.

**Absent:**          All Present

**Public Present:** Jamie Cota, Fire Department; Andrew Dunsmore, Fire Department; Keith Baker, Fire Chief; Pat King, Fire Department; Todd Cadieux, Highway Foreman.

Matt Crawford reopened the Selectboard Budget meeting on January 15, 2020 for the Town of Georgia in the Chris Letourneau Meeting Room at 6:12 p.m.

Amber provided the Selectboard the budget timeline.

January 27, 2020 budget will be adopted at the regular warned meeting.

January 31, 2020 the budget goes to the printers.

Discussion on auditors followed on; what the auditors do errors that can occur and the format that will be presented this year.

Matt invited the Georgia Fire Department representative to the table to provide the selectboard information on the Fire Department budget lines.

Discussion followed on procuring a ladder truck; town savings account, is the truck better for the town, increasing training costs, future maintenance costs, the truck is a known entity (St. Albans), long run savings, the effect on the capital budget and the effect on the Fire Department reserve fund.

Discussion followed on adding an new full-time position at the fire department; the benefits for the town, where the money would come from, what would the starting salary be (\$40k per year plus benefits), what would this employee do (the day-to-day operations of the fire department and also be a fireman and an EMT) and what would be the start date (July 31).

General Government Annual Budgets

Selectboard

Line 119 Administrative Salaries: reduced to \$95k.

Line 125 Admin Consultant Services: change to \$40k.

Line 132 General Contingency: Reduced to \$4k.

Buildings and Grounds

Line 190 Cemetery Maintenance: Change to \$4k.

Line 191 Cemetery Mowing: Reduce to \$0.

Public Safety

Line 203 Law Enforcement: Reduce to \$100k.

#### Contracted Assessor

Line 267 Assessor Contracted Services: Reduced to \$46k.

#### Auditors

Line 276 Auditors Salaries: Reduce to \$1k

#### Town Boards

Line 286 Zoning / Planning Salaries: Reduced to \$59k

#### Library

Line 326 Library Salaries: Some discussion on the increase in salaries; increase was to help maintain good management, provide better services community and maintain good relations with the rest of town officials. No change to line.

Line 349: \$1,250 added to purchase a new computer.

Line 351: Reduced to \$7.5k.

After further discussion on hiring a 5<sup>th</sup> crew member, the selectboard decided to increase the budget lines required to hire a 5<sup>th</sup> crew member.

#### Benefits

Line 361 Social Security: Increase to \$45k.

Line 362 Retirement: Leave at \$35k.

Line 364 Insurance - Health: Increase to \$138.5k.

Line 365 Insurance - Health Reimbursement Accounts: Increase to \$11k.

Line 368 Highway Uniforms: Increase to \$6k.

#### Highway

Line 385 Highway Regular Labor: Increase to \$125k.

Line 386 Highway Overtime Labor: Increase to \$45k.

Line 387 Co-op with Northwestern Tec Ctr: \$3k.

Line 392 State Permit Fee To Maintain Highways: Reduced to \$5k

#### Drainage Maintenance

Line 399 Erosion Control Materials: Increased to \$3.1k.

#### Roadside Maintenance

Line 406 Road signs: Reduce to \$2.5k.

#### Winter Maintenance

Line 411 Winter Maint. Regular Labor: Increase to \$52k.

Line 412 Winter Maint. Overtime Labor: Increase to \$45k

#### Bridges

Line 422 Bridge/Culvert Money to Reserve Fund: Reduced to \$10k.

#### Equipment

Line 442 2002 International 6 Wheeler: Reduced to \$9k.

Line 444 2007 International 6 Wheeler: Reduced to \$4k.

#### Total Appropriations

Line 515 Total Reserve & Impact Fee Fund Expenses: Increase to \$290,473 (10k to electrical, \$10k for storage).

Budget meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.