

**Georgia Selectboard Budget Meeting
Georgia Fire Station Community Room
Monday, January 28, 2019
5:00 p.m.**

Approved: Unapproved

Present: Selectboard: Matt Crawford, Deb Woodward, Tara Wright, Ric Nye, Steve Lamos; Mike McCarthy, Town Administrator; and Amber Baker, Treasurer

Absent: None

Public Present: None

Matt re-opened the budget meeting that was continued from January 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The Selectboard did a final, line-by-line final review of the proposed municipal budget.

Discussion regarding \$7,000 now included in Line 140 to address Planning & Zoning Updates with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission. Discussed at December 11th budget meeting. We didn't receive the planning grant, and the Planning and Zoning Department would like to complete the following work in conjunction with the NRPC: Revise Article 3, Article 4 – to the extent that it ties to PUD, Section 5.10 and wetlands/river corridor, new Article 9-South Village recommendations. NRPC could begin working on this project in the mid-spring (April or May). Project will likely take approximately 1 year to complete (hopefully less), so all local allocated funds would be spent by the end of FY20.

Discussion regarding best source for funding and financing new tandem. Amber has researched State Equipment Loan Fund and local banking sources. Better deal on financing, with better terms, may be available locally.

Discussion regarding \$16K loaded in Line 466 for “heating and electrical system repairs” in the highway department. Where did this dollar amount come from? This quote was previously provided by VIS in response to purported problems with an electrical panel, which proved to be unfounded. Load \$1K for general maintenance and repairs.

Discussion regarding quotes provided for addressing highway garage roof repair and drainage issues (floor drain discharge). Quote provided for engineering, permitting and construction costs for addressing floor drainage discharge was approximately \$50K. Quote provided for budgeting purposes, not to be considered a final proposal for civil engineering services. Scope of work and pricing provided for re-roofing the garage was approximately \$47,450. Quote not to be considered a contract for services.

General consensus to load \$101,450 on Line 466 to address general maintenance, a new roof, and the drainage project, taking into account the \$21,500 that will be brought in from reserve funds to offset the roof expense.

Review and discussion regarding GPL Trustees' revised 2019 budget submission. Increased staff hours of operation, and adoption of the KOHA integrated library system, are the stated reasons for the increase. Motion made by Deb to advise the Trustees that in accordance with Bridget's increase to 40 hours, with all of the additional benefits and holidays thereto, she should no longer be considered for overtime, but

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should plan to accrue any additional hours that she is instructed to work by the Trustees as “comp time” per the Town of Georgia Personnel Policy, so that the salary line will not be overspent, second by Steve. No further discussion. All in favor.

Discussion regarding \$11,080 estimate for dimming the newly-installed overhead lights at the Library. Work requested from, and performed by, experts in the field, based upon recommendations from VIS. Based upon emailed response from Donna Leban, LEDs lose their light output over time. If we put in reduced wattage (or lumens) lamps now, we’ll have to re-lamp again much sooner. General consensus to follow the advice of the expert we paid to provide the service, and do nothing at this time. We are already supporting the Trustees’ #1 stated goal at a substantial, one-time increase to their budget in 2019.

Request made to add a note to Line 339 in the Library budget that some of the additional salary request was to prop up the new KOHA system, and the Selectboard will expect a downward adjustment for this line in 2020.

Motion made to continue the budget meeting until later in the regular meeting made by Tara, second by Deb. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion made to re-open the budget meeting at 7:45 p.m. made by Ric, second by Tara. All in favor.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m., is requested at this time, with the Town Administrator, the Treasurer and the Selectboard Assistant Clerk present, to discuss contracts, labor relations agreements with employees, arbitration or mediation, grievances, other than tax, pending or probable litigation, or confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Town of Georgia involving the Town, specifically finding that premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage, made by Deb, second by Steve. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 8:20 p.m. made by Ric, second by Tara. No further discussion. All in favor.

Action out of Executive Session to include an Article for the 2019 Warning to authorize the Selectboard to purchase 5.4 acres of land now owned by the Gilmonds for future use, and authorize the Selectboard to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$80,000 for the purchase of said land, to be financed for a period not to exceed five (5) years. Motion made by Steve, second by Deb. No further discussion. All in favor. Krissy departed the meeting.

Motion made to adjourn the budget meeting at 8:45 p.m. made by Deb, second by Steve. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins.