

Budget Advisory Committee
Town of Temple
October 24, 2007 meeting minutes

BAC members attending: Mike Darnell, Ben Tirey, John Pierce, George Willard, Shawn Smith
Also attending: Kathy Fedorka, Bill Ellis – Library Trustee, Sherry Fiske

Meeting convened 7:05 p.m. by Darnell, Chair

BAC meeting minutes of 10/10/07 were reviewed and approved.

Temple Economical Energy Committee has submitted a 2008 proposed budget of \$461, based on a light bulb purchase rebate of \$200. Actual budget submitted by TEEC this month is \$661.

Discussed the 2007 tentative Temple tax rate set by DRA on October 23. Discussed the Fund Balance.

The Capital Improvements Plan Committee has met and is meeting Nov. 5 & 12 to finalize the CIP, 2008.

The Library 2007 budget expenses and 2008 proposed budget were reviewed. January electricity bill was high due to outdoor Christmas tree lights. The Advantage Office Solutions expense was for copier repair. Income from the copier averages about \$50 per month. Some 2008 line items are to be filled in by the Selectmen's office: alarm maintenance, heat, electricity, telephone, Social Security, Medicare. The Library representatives have proposed building an addition to the Library for storage space. The CIP is considering the proposal as well as replacement of part of the roofing on the existing building.

S. Fiske reported on the Ambulance budget. The preliminary 2008 budget is \$45,000, but will less when finalized. Wilton took over managing the ambulance service and personnel & payroll in 2007. Wilton has always owned the ambulances. The Ambulance Association (prior "owners" of the service) now serves in an advisory role to Wilton. BAC reviewed the Town of Wilton ambulance budget for 2007 through September. Wilton, Lyndeborough & Temple had agreed to continue the ambulance service as is. A new ambulance purchase is anticipated (2009) to be \$160,000. Temple's portion to contribute is \$32,000. Temple's preliminary 2008 proposed ambulance budget will be reduced to closer to \$40,000. Insurance costs are lower; fuel & repair costs are higher. \$16,000 of the \$40,000 +/- will go toward the purchase of a new ambulance within 3 years. Temple would contribute another \$16,000 toward a new ambulance in the year following the initial \$16,000 contribution. Temple had about 120 ambulance calls in 2006. S. Fiske described that Temple has gotten info from Peterborough on potential ambulance service for Temple.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Ben Tirey, BAC minute taker