



**City of Derby
Board of Apportionment & Taxation
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 25, 2016
7:00 PM
JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMATIC CHAMBERS**

**Ray Bowers
Howard Bradshaw
James Butler
Christopher Carloni.
Carlo Malerba, Jr.**

**Shirley Miani
Rose Pertoso
Sam Pollastro, Jr.
Phyllis Sochrin
Judy Szewczyk, Chairperson**

Ms. Szewczyk opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Butler, Mr. Carloni, Mr. Malerba, Ms. Miani, Ms. Pertoso, Mr. Pollastro, Ms. Szewczyk

Absent: Mr. Bowers and Ms. Sochrin

Public Portion

- **Barbara DeGennaro 51 Paugauseff Road. I am here tonight to speak again on the budget. I did not see the mayor's budget until after the meeting ended last night. I am disappointed that the mayor would cut the Storm Ambulance Corp budget to \$45,000. I would ask the board to reconsider this amount. This is a core function, and it is a state requirement that we provide these services. Also, they provide rescue services, they do so much, and never refuse. If we had to pay 100% for these services, their budget would be similar to that of the Police Department. Keep in mind these people are all volunteers. I am also perplexed why the Mayor has removed all the training from the various departments putting into another**

line item. I am looking for the line item but can't seem to find it. Ms DeGennaro was told it was under line item 8400. Ms. DeGennaro went on to say that I was in charge of the fire department, and understand fully the need for education, whether it be the Town Clerk, Registrar's office and other various departments. The Police Department's education line item was reduced. These classes are mandated by the state, according to industry standards, and may affect the cities insurance, etc. I would also like to comment on the wages from the various departments. I don't know if the department heads made an error, or what, but these are contractual obligations and can't be reduced. I thank you once again for all the hard work you have all put into this budget.

- Mr. Theodore Anglace 37 Bank Street questioned why everyone had to get a raise, with the economy being so bad, they should not be getting any raises. He also commented on the sewer money, where does that go. Ms. Szewczyk told him that was a completely different area, and had nothing to do with this budget.
- Mr. Frank Sura 766 Hawthorne Avenue wanted to know why all the additions are not available to the public. He wanted to know the actual figures. Perhaps it could be available on the Derby web-site.
- Marc Garofalo Town/City Clerk spoke on his budget and the 4 line items that were cut. He gave a letter to each board member, showing the costs, and the revenue that his department brings to the city. He requested this information be on record. He added that all the bills have been paid that the board had previously questioned. He stressed that his department is where all the records are kept for the entire city.
- Chief Gerald Narowski asked the board to please ask him any questions they may have on his budget before they make and decisions.

Ms. Szewczyk then closed the public portion.

Mayor Dugatto passed out to the board, new copies of her final budget, plus the revenue updates that were received late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Pollastro expressed concern that receiving these figures so late, put the board in bad position, not being able to look everything over before making any kind of decision on the budget. He requested that the board reconvene tomorrow evening giving them time to digest all this new information. He made this motion, but it was decided that they continue looking at each line item and if there was any questions, they would go back and relook at the information. Mr. Pollastro rescinded his motion.

Ms. Szewczyk took the figures just received and proceeded to update the budget on line. She said she was hoping to have counsel here tonight, some departments are being cut a lot, and she wanted to be sure that they would be okay with everything. She explained the sheet they would be working from, would contain what the mayor gave to the board last night, along with the preliminary budget the board approved.

Dept #1100 Mayor's Office (\$160,517)

- A motion to accept was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Ms. Pertoso. Motion Failed.
- A motion to accept was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Ms. Pertoso to accept the budget as \$158,667. Motion Carried.

Dept 1200 Probate Court (\$8,434)

- A motion to accept was made to accept by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Ms. Pertoso. Motion Carried.

Dept 1201 Finance Committee (\$4,000)

- A motion to accept was made by Ms. Pertoso and seconded by Mr. Butler. Motion Carried.

Dept 1300 Town Clerk (\$223,084)

- A motion to accept was made by Ms. Pertoso and seconded by Mr. Carloni. Motion Failed.
- A motion was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Malerba to accept a new budget figure of \$249,434. Motion Failed.
- A motion was made by Ms. Miani and seconded by Ms. Pertoso to accept a budget figure of \$246,434, removing the \$3000 from the education line item and putting it in a separate line item. Motion Failed.
- A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Carloni to put the budget at \$249,433. This would give the Town Clerk \$20,000 for Electronic Records Mgmt, \$2000 for Ordinance & Charter, \$750 for Map preservation and \$3600 for the Town Clerk Library, leaving the education of \$2999 in the budget to be decided at a later date where the education money would be put. Motion Carried.

Dept 1500 Registrar of Voters (\$48,990)

- A motion was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Pollastro to accept the budget. Motion Carried.

Dept 1600 Legal Services (\$225,400)

- A motion was made by Ms. Pertoso and seconded by Mr. Bradshaw to accept the budget. Motion Carried.

Dept 1700 Data Processing (\$74,530)

- A motion to accept the budget was made by Mr. Malerba and seconded by Mr. Bradshaw. Motion Failed.

- A motion to accept the budget as \$59,133 was made by Mr. Pollastro and seconded by Mr. Butler. Motion Carried.

Dept 2100 Treasurer's Office (\$88,600)

- A motion to accept was made by Mr. Pollastro and seconded by Ms. Pertoso. Motion Failed.
- A motion to accept the budget as \$82,600 was made by Mr. Carloni and seconded by Mr. Pollastro. Motion Carried.

Dept 2200 Insurance (\$618,559)

- A motion to accept the budget was made by Ms. Pertoso and seconded by Mr. Butler. Motion Carried.

Dept 2300 Retirement (\$1,223,619)

- A motion to accept the budget was made by Ms. Pertoso and seconded by Ms. Miani. Motion Failed.
- A motion to accept the budget as \$1,195,619 was made by Mr. Pollastro and seconded by Mr. Carloni. Motion Carried.

Dept 2400 Employee Benefits (\$6,372,075)

- A motion to accept the budget was made by Ms. Pertoso and seconded by Mr. Carloni. Motion Failed.

After several attempts to arrive at a new budget figure, Ms. Szewczyk asked if everyone would be available tomorrow evening. This would give everyone a chance to review all the budget information received this evening.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pollastro and seconded by Ms. Pertoso. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Pitney

Recording Secretary

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