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Dan Honan, Vice-Chair
Phil Carroll
Judit DeStefano
Chris Eide
George Ferguson



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS
13 March 2017 - Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 7:45PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Dan Wiedemann
Phil Carroll
Judit DeStefano
George Ferguson
Chris Eide

Members Absent:

Dan Honan

Others Present:

Dan Amaral

VOTER COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Newtown Police Chief Viadero sent email asking for questions; emailed back that we don't have questions currently.

Discussion and possible action on Municipal budget 2017-18.

Dan Wiedemann's thought to start by going around and begin with remarks about current thoughts. Dan already locked in next Monday, March 20th at 8:00PM, room 1, for our next meeting. If the committee has questions, they should be assembled prior to this meeting so that anyone necessary would be able to be invited to attend.

Phil Carroll wants clarification RE: senior tax relief on P. 61; is the "Elderly Tax Relief - Circuit Breaker" the same as the Town's Senior Tax Relief?

Chris Eide and Judit DeStefano clarify that it is a State program, not municipal.

Judit DeStefano has a question regarding Unemployment about paying tax vs. reimbursing fund (in description). George Ferguson points out that the question should be sent to Finance Committee for review.

Committee formulated question regarding unemployment insurance (P. 103) spike last year and if that should be planned for this year.

Committee discussed general feelings regarding making blanket cuts vs. making line item cuts to the budget.

Committee discussed impact of shifting expenditures from State budget to municipal budget.

Dan tasked members to review budget books and come to next meeting with their proposals for the budget.

VOTER COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Judit DeStefano, seconded by Phil Carroll approved unanimously.