

LANESBORO FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 29, 2007

Members Present: William Stevens, Robert Pollock, Ruth Brower, Al Terranova

Guests: Mark Bashara, Police Chief
Debbie Decelles; Council on Aging

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

Reviewed line items and articles along with budget summary and at present the budget is over the levy limit by approximately \$90,000.

Council on Aging:

Debbie is requesting an increase in hours from 18 to 22 hours per week. The reasons for the request include:

She does a "ton" of work without being paid

The job is not an 18 hour position

The Work load includes:

Van Schedule

State Reporting

Grant Requests

Senior Needs

Meetings –Elder Services / Senior Center

There is about \$1,000 returned for van service.

At present about 25 people utilize the Council Van service

The feed paid (\$1.00 to go to Pittsfield) go into a Transportation Fund

If there was no van the Seniors would miss lunches and activities, plus access to Pittsfield Senior abatement work off program and is based on 111 hours at \$6.75 per hour. There are presently 18 slots and 17 persons in the program.

Police Department:

Mark Bashara reviewed his budget and the salaries have been submitted with a projected 3% increase. The present contract with the police officers expires on 6/30/07.

The main increase in the expense account is for Software Service for the computer programs that were obtained with a grant during this year. The hardware and software were obtained with a Grant of about \$48,000, but now the town needs to pick up the Software service agreement of about \$8,000

Mark emphasized that the Police Department is bringing in a significant amount of extra monies from the fines, etc., which are increasing each year.

Next Meeting Scheduled for February 5, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Library

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Ruth Brower, Secretary