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SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE ORWELL SELECT BOARD

**October 27, 2025
Town Office**

NOT APPROVED

Select Board: Rob Barnes
Mike Christian
Joe Pouliot
Andrea Treadway, Chair
Les Wood, Vice Chair

Present: Allen M. Alger, Road Foreman

Betty Walker, Clerk

The Special Select Board Budget Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Andrea Treadway, Chair.

Fire Department

Dues are up by \$50.00. American Tower Rent \$1,300. Building Maintenance \$2,000.00. Equipment Testing \$3,500. Electricity is kept the same at \$1,500. Equipment Vehicle Repair the same at \$9,000. Equipment Purchase up a little to \$10,000. Fire Extinguisher the same at \$1,000. Heat-Propane the same at \$2,000. Hydrant and Pond Maintenance \$1,000. Insurance \$10,000. Radio Repair is up from \$3,000 to \$4,000. Sewer Rent is \$390. Telephone and Internet up a little from \$600.00 to \$650.00. Training was \$1,000 last year, \$1,500 this year. Turnout Gear is at \$16,000. Up from \$14,000 last year. This gear is expensive. Waste Removal \$500. The Well is at zero. Total Fire Department Budget is \$6,175.48 less than last year.

First Response

Their budget has stayed the same except for training which has been increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The American Tower Rent should be raised to \$1,300. New people training now and a couple coming up.

Fuel & Oil

Fuel & Oil is \$2,000 + over budget. Need to put out an Request for Bids for fuel to Sam's U Save, Champlain Fuel and Roberts Energy for prices for the first November meeting.

Gasoline

The gasoline gets used for the hydro-seeder, chloride spreader, the 2017 Pick-up Truck and the Rescue Vehicle.

Health Insurance

We have MVP Platinum for employees. The cost will be \$29,160.00 for two employees for the year.

Highway Report

Andrea stated that this is when the Road Foreman usually stock piles salt and sand.

Joe Pouliot said that we need to come up with money for the Salt Shed. Andrea stated that we have \$107,000 set aside so far. Joe said we need to come up with another \$100,000 without raising taxes. We still have some money left in this budget.

Highway Improvements Chloride prices went up \$32,000. Contracted Services are down to \$10,000. Allen has some work on Sunset Lake Road for Scott Hendy. This won't use anywhere near \$10,000. Culverts are the same at \$15,000. Ditching at \$3,000. Equipment Rental has \$15,000 left in it's budget and not planning on using it. Put in \$5,000 for 2026 in case something is needed. Gravel \$125,000, might need gravel for the new salt shed base. Right now the Road Foreman doesn't want trucks going over the Route 73 bridge in Brandon, it is unsafe. Paving \$100,000, includes paving for the salt shed. Salt for Winter is \$6,000 over. Put in \$56,000 to have extra salt to put in new shed. Sand \$55,000, about \$19,000 left in budget.

ADJOURNED .

Andrea Treadway closed the meeting at 7:00 pm.

We will continue the Budget Meeting on November 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM.