

SELECT BOARD BUDGET MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Those present: R. D. Eno, Ian Ackermann, Skip Bothfeld, Fred Ducharme, Frank Kampf, Betty Ritter, Michelle Leclerc, Kurt Steinert, Kathleen Hoyne, Grace, Elizabeth Smith, Dean Deasy

1. Call meeting to order – the meeting was called to order by Fred Ducharme at 4:07 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – a motion was made by RD Eno, with a second by Skip. Motion Carried.
3. Public Comment – there was no public comment.
4. Review of Budget Procedures – we went over these briefly.
5. Wastewater – went over the budget and changed a few line items. A motion was made by RD to accept the WW fund as presented with a second by Ian. Motion carried.
6. Water – went over the budget and felt the budget was changed slightly from last year. A motion was made by RD to approve the budget fund as submitted with a second by Ian. Motion carried.
7. General Fund – the payroll would be \$150,408 with an 8.2% rate increase and \$25,000 for health insurance. It was suggested that we eliminate the Constable and then put that money towards the Sheriff. The reason for this is that the Constable does not have any authority at this time and in any event, we would need to call upon the Sheriff or the State Police. This would be put on the warning this year and eliminate the position next year. We would then apply Constable line item to the Sheriffs line item.
8. Library – Last year we received an ARPA grant to get a part-time youth librarian and has been very successful and it was noted that most libraries have a parttime librarian. To keep a parttime librarian the salary would be \$22,500 and would like to have \$1,000-2,000 for expenses to go with this parttime librarian. There are no big additions, but cost of living, insurance and taxes. We are trying to reach the standards that has been set for Libraries. With Salary increase, the basic budget would be approximately \$112,000. Perhaps ARPA to cover some of this as the Town is benefitting from it. This is preliminary and will come back for their final budge for approval at the October 18 Budget meeting.
9. Fire Department – The FD is working on getting a true budget in the amount of \$76,249.68. They are attempting to receive grant money to help with the overhead. If the grant does not happen, we will need further increase of money for new radios as the Motorola radios will no longer be serviced. If they don't get a grant for the radios and air packs - \$20,000 for radios, we will need some further adjustment to the budget.
10. Other Business – We went over a few line items for the General Budget, but this will be discussed further at the next meeting.
11. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by Ian, motion carried, and we adjourned at 5:58.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer