

**REVISED SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023, 4:00 P.M.**

1. Call Meeting to Order - the meeting was called to order by Mike at 4:01 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – a motion was made by Fred with a second by Karen, motion carried.
3. Public Comment – there was no public comment.
4. Budget Preparation – Discussed Tim’s field – not sure what is happening with the field. There will be less mowing this coming year. We would do the striping in the parking lot, and in front of the General Store. We have a fund balance carry forward is \$153,159. Can we use this to offset the upcoming budget along with the sale of the Masonic Hall.

Discussed about an appropriation for the Cabot Ambulance of going out to bid. Ruth stated that they do have their license, along with 4 new applicants. Karen understands there is a state statute regarding the location of the ambulance if it is moved to another location. Mike wanted to know about the update on the books. Ruth stated that their accountant is gone until after the holidays and will deal with it then. What about the non-profit status? Ruth stated that the ambulance is waiting on their decision. Ellen Cairns said she understands that ambulance books is their business but because we are giving to a separate organization it is important to know this information. Chris was asking about the calls during 2023. Is this important for this budget? RD - if we budget \$40,000 in a new General Fund budget line for Emergency Medical Services in the next fiscal year instead of the Cabot Ambulance appropriation request, Cabot Ambulance should be no problem answering to an RFP, and they still have the remainder of this fiscal year's appropriation.

Reviewed the water and wastewater. There are no changes at this time.

The Informational Meeting will be on February 20, SB meeting which will be at 5:00 pm and the informational meeting after the regular SB Meeting at 6:00.

5. Highway – discuss leasing with Charlebois – if we lease, we will have balloon payment at the end, with a 6-year lease with a 7-year warranty. Two quotes of a Western Star or a Freightliner. We would lease the Freightliner with the ballon payment with a six-year lease and a 7-year warranty. Aldo’s truck would be replaced with this new one. The trade in will be somewhere between \$30-40,000 which would reduce the price. If we sold the truck outright, we could get quite a bit more.
6. Motion to Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred with a second by RD, motion carried, and we adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ritter