

Select Board Budget Meeting Thursday January 13, 2021 @ 4:00pm Via Zoom Remote Access

MINUTES

I. Chair Kristin Hutchins called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm; Present: Board members Carolyn Ball, Chad Terry, George Jellison, and Allen Willey. Town Manager, Justin VanDongen, and Admin Assistant Jesse Dunbar.

II. Budget Hearings:

Conservation Commission Budget – The Conservation Commission presented their budget requests for FY22 for the Conservation Commission, Tree Fund, and Charlotte Rhoades Park. Discussion was had around new tree plantings as well as irrigation at Pemetic.

Police & Dispatch Budgets – Chief Miller presented the budget for the Police and Dispatch expenses, as well as the Police & Dispatch CIP accounts.

The Contracted Services Budget was reviewed by the Manager and the Board.

Debt Services budget was reviewed by the Manager and the Board.

Board Member Allen Willey excused himself from the meeting.

The Insurance budget was reviewed by the Manager and the Board.

Boards and Committees budget was reviewed by the Manager and the Board.

Dinner Break

Reserve Accounts were reviewed by the Board. State revenue sharing, if the state gives us more than budgeted, that amount goes in this reserve account. The revenue sharing estimate is higher than anticipated.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Tom Chisholm presented the budget for Fire Expenses and the Fire CIP accounts.

Discussion was had regarding the apparent increase in sewer fees for FY 21 YTD. Dunbar suggested the Sewer Departments policy change regarding deduct meters may have had something to do with it. The Manager will look into it.

Next Meeting January 14, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.

X. Adjourn Motion by Terry to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Second by Ball. Passed 4-0-0

Kristin Hutchins, Chair

Chad Terry, Vice Chair

Allen Willey

George Jellison, Jr.

Carolyn Ball