

Budget & Finance Meeting
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 via Zoom
3:00 PM

Present: Doon Hinderyckx (TO), Pat Harvey, Frank Severy, Greg White, Barb Dehart, Nancy Woolley, Lois Bond, Robert Meagher, Julie Smith (TO), Kristin LaPell (TO)

Absent: Jim Bowen

Guests: Claude Weyant, Tom Battista, Windsor County Sheriff's Dept, Tom Paquette, Cemetery Commission

Agenda: Review Experience and Contract with Windsor County Sheriff's and Request from Cemetery Commission

Claude commented that the WCSD has sent a letter to the Rochester Selex indicating that there would be no increase to the contract for FY23. Mike Ruse is the primary officer visiting Rochester.

Doon indicated that the Selex is looking for information on Revenue coming back to the Town and what the potential Revenue would be in the future. Claude said that the WCSD continues to deal with tickets back to February-March 2021, and a backlog in the court.

Tom commented on the timeframe and that there is a listing of tickets written from the State. Hard to balance because of lag time with courts!

Pat commented on coverage, day or night; weekends; e-mail to Town Clerk with scheduling; Robert commented that it would become a public document.

Selex will make decision on whether to go with 2 or 3 shifts and will budgeted accordingly.

Cemetery: Tom reported that Steve Twitchell has not increased his budget for some time. Dean Russell, who does tax mapping for the Town, is working with Michele Schnabel of the Cemetery Commission on mapping Woodlawn Cemetery.

Need to check with Terry Severy on repair to the fountains and provide a way to turn off and on the water.

Agreed to reduce the Cemetery original budget request to \$27,500. Hopeful that the Trustees will provide a reasonable amount from Cemetery investment funds, and \$5,000 will be drawn from the Cemetery Reserve Fund.

Discussed rates for financing trucks, with or without trade-in of truck. Looks like Mascoma has a good rate, and the State can offer a 2% rate for not more than 5 year financing. Julie indicated that is financing goes out beyond 5 years that the voters have to approve it, thus an article for the Warning.

General Office Expenses: Julie felt that taking the Audit figure to \$8950 would work. In February the Office will no longer have a Fax line which could save \$1,280. Felt we could live with 4 port-a-lets

Julie will check with VLCT on the Insurance Discounts & Credits line. Put '0' in line at this time.

Park formula corrected.

Decision to contract for two shifts with Windsor County Sheriff's – 26,000.

Fire: Talk with Terry about further cuts in Fire Dept. Still researching ARPA funds for lost fundraising funds. Talk with Two Rivers.

Planning and Zoning did not receive the Municipal Planning Grant, so money saved there.

Highway: Cooter can reduce the Paving budget to \$40,000.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 – ZOOM
Joan

Adjourned: 4:45 PM