

October 19, 2022

Budget and Finance Minutes

Present: Barb Dehart, Lois Bond, Nancy Woolley, Pat Harvey, Kristen LaPell, Julie Smith, Greg White, Frank Severy, Doon Hinderyckx (absent)

Nancy called the meeting at 3:45pm

Nancy asked to invite the Listers to an upcoming department meeting to discuss the grand list and proposed town wide reappraisal.

Meeting with the committee today is White River Valley Ambulance and Highway Department.

Vic Ribauda spoke to the board about WRVA's budget and the increases to their budget. They are currently using a draft budget. They will make a final approval for the budget at their November 21st meeting. The biggest cost increase are the wages. The bottom line to their budget for 2023: Per capita increase would be going from \$65 to \$72, a 10.8% increase.

Need to increase Kristen's hours for the additional 8 hours per week approved by the selectboard on the employee's worksheet.

John attended the meeting to discuss his highway budget. Committee went down through line by line.

Overtime- use only as needed. Very conscientious of the cost.

Braintree-they submit a bill with time and materials. Very considerate.

Stockbridge-flat rate. Not sure what will come in the next budget with their new foreman.

Pittsfield- same flat rate.

Equipment Rental and Contractor services are now combined line items

Telephone-increased their rates. Looked into piggy backing with the EC Fiber from the Fire Department but they would need to install conduit and new pavement was installed so that isn't ideal at this time.

Salt- may be difficult to get if the railroad does go on strike. John ordered a load and will see how that gets us by. Said we may have to go light in the village.

Largest driver for the highway budget is fuel.

John's budget is up %

Committee thanked John for his services and work to keep budget down.

Committee worked on some incomplete numbers waiting for budgets to come in from various sources.

Julie will reach out to Brookfield who is currently maintaining the office generator to give a price for maintaining the emergency generator at the school.

Add in the Library Budget. Will need to let the library know if they increase their budget they will need to get a petition.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm

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