

BUDGET MEETING

JULY 30, 2015

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Ruell, C. Cilley, B. Hoerter, S. Downing, H. Lamos, N. DeWolfe, G. Dion, S. Coleman

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: A. Hancock (unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Nichols, D. Vaughn, T. Paquette, A. Cilley

Meeting started at 6:56pm at the Ashland Fire Station

ELECTRIC

311- Bldg. other is over spent due to the cameras that were set up

354.3-underground conductors is overspent due to \$1,300. being spent on underground terminations (electric co. were out of them)

358.1 line transformers is overspent due to new transformers being purchased for New Hampton (electric co. is to be reimbursed)

L. Nichols is hoping that by the end of 2017 the N. Ashland Road bond will be paid off. They have roughly \$125K set aside to go towards the reduction of this bond. S. Coleman said that that \$655K is still owed on this bond.

761.2B-postage is overspent

781.2-legal is running close to being overspent

Electric was done at 7:13pm

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Dept. of Public Works started at 7:15pm

Public works admin budget is where it should be with 51.78% left

Highways & Streets

Concerns: heat is at 24.33%. The waste oil furnace at the transfer station was purchased with a grant back in the 90's. People are not bringing down waste oil as much anymore. They do have propane backup to use incase there is no waste oil for the furnace. There are two propane furnaces at the highway garage, which runs a lot due to the fact that the garage doors are constantly going up and down and so much heat escapes when the doors rise.

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Highway equipment maintenance is over spent due to having a piston installed in the backhoe, the backhoe was sandblasted, the oil changes in the loader (which a sample of the old oil gets sent out to John Deere for a check to make sure that there is no metal, ect. in the oil (at \$300.00 per oil check). Spinner motors and cutting edges were also purchased.

Winter maintenance is low but the sand shed is full and T. Paquette is hopefully going to purchase 4 loads of salt. Last year salt was \$56. per ton.

Town Mechanic budget is where it should be with 52.33% left. The general expense line was used mainly for acetylene and oxygen

Transfer Station

Concerns: heat: (reasons mentioned above)

Supplies: purchasing of speedy dry, paper products for station (tp, paper towels, ect.)

Recycle license is from the state and is a contract

Testing is for methane testing

Hauling of construction debris has been roughly 2 containers per week

Capital Outlay

Loader lease is paid off

Mini loader is paid in monthly payments

Next years budget will have increases:

Vehicle maintenance to go back to \$13K

Winter maintenance to go back to \$46K

DPW was finished at 7:35pm

The minutes of July 23 had one correction: The depts. to be heard next week are to be Electric and DPW not Electric and Park & Rec. B. Hoerter made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. Dewolfe to accept the minutes of July 23 with the correction. 7 members ayed, 1 member abstained.

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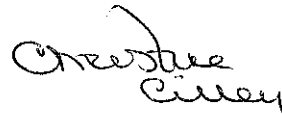
The meeting of August 13 will be Water & Sewer and the Town Admin. held at the Ashland fire station at 7:00pm

The meeting of August 20 will be the Library and Park & Rec.

G. Dion stated that the school budget would not be ready until at least September. He also stated that all monies in budget would be encumbered and that none was going back to the town at the end of the year.

B. Hoerter made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Lamos to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. All members aye.

Submitted by:



Christine Cilley