

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

Members Present: Ruell, Badger, Downing, Hoerter, Lamos, Coleman, Lyford (alternate)

Others Present: Glenn Dion, Trish Temperino

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. in the Ashland School library.

Hoerter and Downing objected to the late delivery of the school budget report, which did not allow them time to review it.

School Budget Review Assistant Superintendent Trish Temperino and School Board Chairman Glenn Dion reviewed the summary financial report for the 2015-2016 school year with the Committee, answering their questions.

Water and Sewer Budget Review The Committee discussed the written responses presented by the Water and Sewer Commissioners to the Committee's questions.

Members asked for followup answers to the questions as follows:

General Questions 1 and 4, what are the correct figures for the balance sheet and the Septage Receiving Account as of June 30?

General Question 4, Exactly what was spent from the Septage Receiving Account during the half year period, giving the purposes and the amounts?

Both Water and Sewer Budgets Question 7 Maintenance, What exactly was spent on the Riverside Drive Project, the Septage Receiving Station Pilot Program, the leak repair and hydrant replacement?

2016 Expenditures Question 1, If the project is not completed before frost sets in, how will that increase the cost of the project?

There was also discussion of the water and sewer billing system problems and the decision of the Commissioners to not meet with the Committee.

Downing volunteered to work with the new tape recorder.

Schedule The consensus of the Committee was to meet on October 19 to consider the Library and the Electric budgets, and perhaps another budget, and to meet on November 9, 16 and 30 for further consideration of budgets.

On a motion by Hoerter, seconded by Downing, it was voted to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

David Ruell, Chairman