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BUDGET BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 1, 2021

7:00 PM

1. President Randy Kallstrom called the meeting to order at 7pm
2. **Roll Call-** Randy Kallstrom, Toni Raethke, Vicki Kosok, Shannon Van Allen, Pat Sandstrom, Mike Michaud, Tracy Rundquist. Goran Pesic was absent.
3. **Wage Negotiation Meeting 10.18.2021**
 - a. **Discussion/action on Police Chief salary raise-** At the wage negotiation meeting on October 18th, it was determined that the Police Chief salary would stay the same. Chief Van Alstine has since restructured his budget and is asking Board to revisit his request for a raise of \$1,125.00. His plan would cut \$1,300.00 worth of hours from the part time staff, and this changes the general budget by \$1,125.00. **Motion** by Mike to increase his salary by \$1,125.00, **second** by Toni. All ayes- motion carried.
 - b. **Discussion/action on staff raises from previous meeting-** After the wage negotiation meeting it was decided Tracy Rundquist, Treasurer, would get a raise from \$17.60 per hour to \$19.50 per hour. Randy made the **motion** to approve the raise, **second** by Vicki. All ayes. Motion carries. Drew Adams, Village Clerk, is a new employee still in his probationary period and the Personnel Committee determined they would revisit his request at a later date. Aaron Kallstrom, Street Superintendent, and Mike Schultz, WWTP Supervisor, both received a raise from \$21.35 to \$23.50 which matches their wage to other county employees in a similar role. **Motion** by Toni to raise their hourly wage to \$23.50, **second** by Vicki. All ayes (with Randy abstaining)- motion carried.
4. **Election Machine-** Discussion was to use American Rescue Plan funding to pay for the new machines so that the \$6,500.00 does not come out of the general fund. Other municipalities have been using these funds, and it is to keep things safer and more sanitary when it comes to COVID-19. **Motion** by Randy to use the American Rescue Plan funds to buy new election machines, **second** by Toni. All ayes- motion carried.
5. **Fire Department-**
 - a. Fire Chief Ted Fenstermacher would like to receive financing to purchase new Jaws of Life for \$25,681.00. The Jaws currently being used are 50 years old and will need to be replaced soon to keep up with code. Option one would be to pay \$10,000.00 on a down payment, followed by 5 yearly payments of \$4,910.19. \$5,000.00 of that down payment would come from the roughly \$16,000.00 the department has in their savings account, and the other \$5,000.00 would be taken

from their unused outlay. Option two is to make a down payment of \$5,000.00, followed by 5 yearly payments of \$3,800.00. **Motion** by Toni to approve the \$25,861.00 purchase with a down payment of \$10,000, **second** by Pat. All ayes- motion carries.

b. Fire Department also requested to receive, in cash, unused 2021 budgeted Fire Department outlay to reduce payments on the Jaws of Life. **Motion** by Toni that the Fire Department pays \$7,500.00 out of savings and \$2,500.00 from unused 2021 outlay by Toni, **second** by Pat. All ayes- motion carries.

6. **Utility and Finance Committees-** Previously, yearly Fire Protection Charge payments came out of the general budget. Now that the fire protection charge is being raised by \$49,210.00, the general budget can't handle that. Mike has created a resolution to present to the Public Service Commission requesting they use the equivalent meters method to calculate the amount of public fire protection direct charges, and to keep the Village charge set at a fixed amount of \$41,467.00 **Motion** by Mike to pass the resolution as presented to make a petition to the Public Service Commission to move to a combination type of public fire protection charge, holding the municipal charge at \$41,467.00 and charging the remaining \$49,210.00 to to direct charge utility customers . **Second** by Toni. All ayes- motion carried.
7. **Treasurer Approval of Checks for Outgoing Bills-** Tracy had some large bills come in right after the last Board meeting, and with the following board meeting happening a week after that she would like approval to pay them so that she can see what money is left to get the Village through the end of the year. **Motion** by Randy to allow Treasurer to pay these bills and report to the Board as needed, **second** by Pat. All ayes- motion carried.
8. **2022 Proposed Budget-** After struggling to find people to run the beach this year the Finance Committee recommended not opening the beach next year and allowing people to swim at their own risk. This would save close to \$8,000.00. There is \$1,000.00 available for Beach Committee to use on clean up or safety items if needed. **Motion** by Toni to accept the 2022 proposed budget, **second** by Vicki. All ayes- motion carried.
9. **Public Comments-** Carrie Arens recommended that if in the future there is money left over, the ambulance staff receive a raise for their on-call hours.
10. Randy made the **motion** to adjourn at 8:00PM. **Second** by Toni. All ayes- motion carried.

Drew Adams
Clerk