

BUDGET MEETING

JULY 23, 2015

DRAFT MINUTES

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

OTHERS PRESENT: A. Cilley, Chief Heath (fire), Chief Randall (police)

Meeting started at 7:00pm at the Ashland Fire Station

FIRE

Heath started out by telling us that calls are up from last year. At this time last year we had 202, this year 242.

Heath has only two concerns re: his budget going into the 2nd half of the year.

1. Contract Service which is down to 27.59%
2. Vehicle Maintenance which is down to 28% as of tonight's meeting

The postage line is overdrawn due to the fact that \$58.00 was taken out for the rent of the PO box.

There will be a warrant article for a new fire (pump) engine next year

There is \$125K in capital reserve fund for the fire engine. A new fire engine at this time runs about \$450K.

To finance \$450K (using the \$125K from capital reserves) the payments would be roughly \$76k per year for 5 years including financing.

Batteries for radios need to be ordered

Jaws of life needs to be checked

Battery maintenance to be done on the heart monitor

Everything in the ambulance now has a shelf life. Speare Hospital is one of the very few hospitals that still swap out outdated materials for newer materials.

Ladder truck was purchased in 2006 and is tested every year.

Engine 2 pump failed the pressure test.

The years of the trucks are '87, '94, and '06. The ambulance is a '97.

The dept. is working on staggering buying 2 new protective gear outfits yearly

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B. Hoerter made the motion, 2nd by C. Gilley to accept the minutes of May 7, 2015 as written. All members ayed.

S. Downing would like to go to a training session re: budget. There is one coming up on September 28, 2015. S. Coleman suggested signing up for the conference early because they do fill up fast.

Next weeks meeting is going to be on Thursday July 30, 2105 at 7:00 pm at the Ashland Fire Station. Depts. to be heard will be Electric and Park & Rec.

N. DeWolfe made a motion, 2nd by S. Coleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. All members ayed.

Submitted by:


Christine Gilley