



Minutes

Budget Meeting and Board of Audit Meeting

Location: Lent Town Hall 33155 Hemingway Ave., Stacy, MN 55079

& Zoom (link on lenttownship.com)

February 7, 2022

6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Adopt the Agenda

T. Nelson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second by C. Cagle. By a roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Review past numbers

S. Aker asked if the Board had questions. T. Nelson asked about wages, PERA and health insurance because wages are now being taken out of the General Fund. B. Seekon and R. Keller said that based on the wages coming out of the fund, they would suggest \$400k- \$500k. R. Keller noted that there should be a surplus in the fund and there is not. T. Nelson said he does not want to see that much of an increase. R. Keller said that there is currently \$148,000 in the Fire Equipment fund. B. Seekon said that they had hoped to lower the Road and Bridge fund. T. Nelson said that they spent money on upgrading roads that have not been repaired in a really long time. He also added that they did not borrow money for the second round of improvements. There are no large projects planned for the near future and crack sealing will be done by a subcontractor.

J. Eischens and C. Cagle asked for S. Aker's input on the funds. S. Aker said that she would like to see the General fund be at \$500k because the payroll is coming out of it now and there is currently \$44k for the rest of the year. T. Nelson said that is based off of the previously budgeted \$245k. Wages were discussed. J. Eischens suggested raising the General and lowering elsewhere.

T. Nelson made a motion to recommend \$500k for the General Fund. Second by R. Keller.

By a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

T. Nelson made a motion to recommend \$0 for the Planning and Zoning Commission Fund. Second by R. Keller. By a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

C. Cagle said that they bays need to be painted at the Fire Hall which is expensive. T. Nelson suggested that they either wait or use gambling money. C. Cagle said because Lent owns the building, she feels it should be covered by the Township out of the Building Fund. T. Nelson will bring it up at the March Joint Powers meeting. C. Cagle said that the major work is done at the Hall except for some electrical work. They have been booking more rentals. She would like to talk about Covid dollars at the next meeting. B. Seekon would like to see a drop ceiling with nice lighting, but said it can wait. C. Cagle said it may hinder Pickleball play. B. Seekon said that a new manlift is needed so he will bring it up at the next meeting.

R. Keller made a motion to recommend \$10k for the Building Fund. Second by C. Cagle. All in favor by a roll call vote, motion carried.

T. Nelson made a motion to keep the Fire Equipment Fund at \$15k. Second by R. Keller. By a roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

T. Nelson made a motion to keep the Fire Fund at \$160k. Second by R. Keller. All in favor by a roll call vote, motion carried.

The SCBA payment was discussed.

The Board discussed the payment of the new plow truck. There is a seven-year payment plan for the lease of the truck. B. Seekon suggested an additional plow truck. R. Keller said they should wait a year and that Maintenance Staff can *make do*. T. Nelson agreed with R. Keller.

R. Keller made a motion to recommend \$65k for the Road and Bridge Equipment Fund. Second by T. Nelson. By a roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

R. Keller made a motion to recommend \$450k for the Road and Bridge Fund. Second by T. Nelson. All in favor with a roll call vote, motion carried.

T. Nelson made a motion for \$0 for the Park Fund. Second by B. Seekon. By a roll call vote, motion carried.

J. Eischens made a motion to accept the Treasurer and Clerk's final numbers. Second by T. Nelson. By a roll call vote, motion carried.

Proposed Levy

\$450,000 Road and Bridge Fund

\$65,000 Road and Bridge Equipment Fund

\$160,000 Fire Fund

\$15,000 Fire Equipment Fund

\$10,000 Building Fund

\$0 Park Fund

\$0 Planning and Zoning

\$500,000 General Fund

T. Nelson made a motion to accept the proposed levy. Second by B. Seekon. All in favor by roll call vote, motion carried.


An upcoming Road Committee will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. D. Stiers discussed the Annual Meeting two years prior and said that it will help to explain to residents that no money was borrowed for the second phase of roadwork. He said a detailed presentation is helpful. Rising insurance costs were discussed.

Adjourn

B. Seekon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Second by R. Keller. All in favor by a roll call vote, motion carried.



Board Chair



Town Clerk

