Special Select Board Meeting

24 Jan 2023 @2:00 pm

Town office At School

Present : Rusty Spaulding, Paul Zera, Mary Catherine Graziano, Debbie Spaulding, and Sylvia Jensen

1. Meeting called to order at 2:07 pm by Chair Rusty Spaulding.

2. Additions to agenda: The Sale of Property agreement for the last Sunset View Lot (Lot 6A)

 needs to be signed. Mary Catherine Graziano, made a motion to accept the Sales agreement, second by Paul Zera. All in favor.

Rusty Spaulding stated that the next scheduled budget meetings need to be changed, because the Warning needs to be posted by 02 February. The meetings will be scheduled for 10:00 am on Thursday

26th January 2023 at 10:00 am, and Saturday 28th January 2023 at 10:30 am to finalize budget and approve warning.

Steve Mank shared that the deadline to get the Town Report books to the printer is 08 February 2023, and the audit is scheduled for 30 January -02 February 2023.

There was discussion about a line item for the auditors. In the past, money was put into a fund for a professional audit every 3 years. However, we are having a professional audit every year, so it now is just an expense.

Rusty Spaulding asked if we should return 2 years of school rent to the voters, and commented that he would like to have a vote on $50,000 for digitization of record. He would have liked to return Sarah Noble and Carol Michaels pay to the voters, but feels that deadline has passed.

There was discussion around the revenue received from recording fees. There was about $8,000 in recording fees and $3060 went into the Recording Fees Fund. Mary Catherine Graziano asked about double checking the pages of recordings since 01 July 2109. There was also some discussion about what qualifies for use by that fund.

There was also discussion around a reimbursement of $3041.60. This was from a credit card purchase of materials for a highway project, the supplier needed the payment made by credit card. However, they originally charged the retail price (not the municipal rate). The credit was issued to the credit card. The Treasurer requested a refund of the credit balance.

Animal Control: Mary Catherine Graziano made a suggestion that $1500 for rabies vaccine, $3000 for equipment and a $500 stipend be included in the budget,

The Record Restoration expense was for microfiching of Land Record books.

Budget for Clerk of Board remains the same. Sylvia Jensen inquired if this was a good use of taxpayer money. Mary Catherine Graziano replied that the Select Board will write a job description for the position.

The office Assistant position(s) is budgeted for 21 hours/week at $18/hour.

Town Hall expenses: This is the trickiest area of the budget, as there is no record of expenses for the building being used for a noneducational use. Mary Catherine Graziano suggested talking to school district about recent repairs.

Appropriations: The total us $60,000. Steve Mank mentioned several appropriations that are no longer requested.

Grand Isle county Sheriff: Budget the same. Expenses have been lower. We need to see how many tickets they are giving.

Rec Department : Mary Catherine Graziano has sent emails to Amanda Ellison about missing equipment.

She also feels that the Rec Department needs to have a plan before they get more money from the town. Paul Zera commented that the kids can’t play basketball because of the Pickleball court.

Highway Revenue : Steve Mank, Selby Turner, and Mary Catherine Graziano will meet Wednesday to finalize the highway revenue. There is no more reserve fund (it is $85.00).

Discussion about cost of mailing town report books, it is $2.88 to mail them first class.

Motion to adjourn at 4:02 pm by Mary Catherine Graziano, second by Paul Zera. All in favor.

 Respectfully Submitted,

Mary LaBrecque

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Mary Catherine Graziano