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MINUTES BUDGET WORK SESSION May 4, 2020

This meeting was closed to the public due to COVID-19. The meeting was programed to be live streamed through Town Hall Streams. Notice of the meeting and streaming was posted on the town message board and the town website. The agenda for the meeting was posted on the town website Friday May 1, 2020.

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Roll Call, present: Councilmembers; Cummings, Franz, and Rev. Cephas, Cummings, Mayor Henry, and Manager Avery

Avery presented the Treasurers Report through April 31, 2020. The town's cash position as of April 31 was \$3,540,881.88

Avery described the proposed draft 2021 Budget and outlined the major changes:

- a. Pertaining to real property tax rate Avery said the town can keep the same rate as last year even though the constant yield rate is lower. The town is exempt from Section 6-308 of the Tax-Property Article because the difference between the two is less than \$25,000. Those present agreed to maintain the current property tax of .8237/\$100 for the 2021 fiscal year.
- b. Expenditure for Council Salaries decreased from \$50,000 to \$45,000.
- c. Railroad expenses decreased because renovations of the cars are complete.
- d. Storm Sewer repairs decreased by \$35,000 because the repairs in Woodsedge are complete.
- e. Salaries increased at wastewater to include a 4th employee.
- f. Electric for wastewater decreased by \$30,000 due to more efficient blowers and Amick is pre-treating their wastewater now.
- g. Equipment repairs budget decreased by \$50,000, many of the large projected repairs have been completed.

Avery said the street sweeper needs more work due to some of the steel vacuum system being rusted out. He recommends replacing the unit at this point and presented a quote for a RAVO model that is a demonstration unit. The unit can be purchased at \$20,000 discount with a full warranty. Cephas made motion to replace, second Franz. Vote 3 in favor/0 opposed. The agreement was to finance/lease half of the cost.

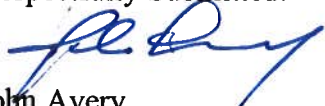
Avery explained the research he has done for reimbursement for COVID-19 Response Pay. All his research indicates response pay will most likely not be reimbursed. There was discussion that possibly response pay will be reimbursed, however Avery recommended to go on the assumption that it will not. Cephas said that Senator Echardt is pushing for reimbursement, officers sign up for hazardous duty however this is a mean hazard. This hazard officers can take home to their family. It would be positive to give them something. Cummings said he is in support of a response pay. Franz said she wants to protect the officers.

Due to Memorial Day being May 25th the Council agreed to change the next meeting date to May 26th.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mayor Henry:



John Avery
Town Manager

Councilmembers:

