

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2017
9:00 AM

Selectboard

Dan Daley, Chair
Marty Feltus
Kermit Fisher

Press

Public

Justin Smith, Dawn Dwyer, Ken Burchesky
David Bixby, Ed Farmer, Mrs. Farmer, Mr. Kantor

1. Budget

- a. Highway – Dawn Dwyer, Clerk & Treasurer, handed out a summary of the Highway Budget (attached). She explained the columns. Justin then went into detail regarding the composition of the anticipated surplus of \$494,725. \$300,000 is the remaining loan proceeds received when we financed the line of credit for the New Joint Garage, \$62,570 is the unspent monies budgeted for summer projects, \$35,132 unanticipated revenue for summer projects, leaving \$97,000 from a combination of additional revenue and lower than budgeted expenses across the highway budget. Justin proposed using the surplus for \$55,000 for equipment savings, \$22,000 paving savings and \$20,000 for unexpected expenses for the Highway crew to move into the new facility.

Total expenditures proposed is \$1,800,936 which includes \$30,000 for project savings. It was clarified that the project savings would not be restricted to any one project, but to be used toward future projects.

Justin spoke to the Board and public attendees about the meeting he had with Shauna Clifford from VTrans, Rob Nutting, Highway Foreman, Ken Burchesky, Mike Bickford & David Bixby that was held at Brown Farm Road to discuss the residents' concerns. The final suggestion was to pursue installing guardrails this summer if the Highway crew can squeeze it in their schedule and explore the ledge to determine what kind of project it would be to improve sight distance.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the 2017 Highway Fund proposed budget, with expenditures of \$1,800,936. Motion carried 3-0.

- b. General Fund – Dawn handed out a summary of the General Fund Budget with updated figures which include updated actual revenues & expenditures for 2016. Justin talked about the increase in minimum wage affecting the Fire Department budget as well as additional equipment needs and training requirements. The Municipal Office Building budget is up due to the roof repairs and installation of the generator proposed for this year. Money for these two projects will come from savings. The Police Department is scheduled to purchase a new cruiser, which will be covered from savings as well. Special Appropriations are within \$1,000 of last year's requests.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the 2017 General Fund Budget, with expenditures of \$2,088,823. Motion carried 3-0.

- c. Sanitation Fund – Bulky day expenses were increased an additional \$1,500 and the Curbside Recycling contract was renewed with Earley Rubbish and Recycling at the same rate as 2016.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the 2017 Sanitation Budget, with expenditures of \$90,803. Motion carried 3-0.

- d. Wastewater Fund – The 2016 budget ended with a \$40,272 surplus. This surplus will be carried forward as cash on hand.

Motion made by Marty Feltus, seconded by Kermit Fisher, to approve the 2017 Wastewater Budget, with expenditures of \$810,143. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Other:

- a. Dawn Dwyer discussed small account balances in the Town of Lyndon Restricted Account. There are two Fire Department accounts, Fire Station Donations with \$36.69 and Fire Dept. Debt S/A with \$67.07 that are earning a combined \$0.26 annually in interest. The CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) – Bond Balloon account has a \$1,583.30. This balance is the interest earned and left over after making the CSO balloon payment in 2016.

Dawn Dwyer suggested that the balances in the two Fire Department accounts, totaling \$103.76, be transferred to the Fire Department savings account. This account is used for equipment purchases. The current balance is \$61,356.59 and with the transfer will begin 2017 with \$61,460.35. Dawn also suggested moving the CSO balance into the Vacon Maintenance account. All these accounts are restricted accounts. The Selectboard agreed with the suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

Minutes taken by Dawn Dwyer.

Approved by the Selectboard: January 23, 2017