

Minutes of the Capital Planning committee on 01.13.2022, Held Virtually

Committee Members Present:

Sheila Baird
Richard Butt
John Halbreich
Nat Yohalom
Mark Walker

The meeting was called to order by Mark Walker at 4:04pm. All members of the committee were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted by all except for Mark Walker who abstained, as he was not present at the last meeting.

We reviewed and discussed the requests from the Department Heads as outlined in the table below. We are requesting information from the Town treasurer as to the possible cost and length of loans for the following:

1. \$145,000 plow and dump truck
2. \$140,000 for a loader
3. Up to \$500,000, per year for the next five years for roads or a total of \$2,500,000 over 5 years.
4. \$260,000 for an ambulance
5. \$75,000 for a heavy-duty pickup truck for the Fire and Rescue Department
6. \$500,000 for water tanker for the Fire Department

John will ask Chief Loring for additional information to support his requests. Specifically, how many calls does the Jaws of Life, pickup truck and water tanker get used.

Sheila will pursue with the Chief of Police confirming if the department can obtain a grant to purchase the \$60,000 police cruiser.

The meeting was adjourned by Mark at 5:00pm with a unanimous vote.

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
Highway	\$285,000						
Roads	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000		
Townhall	\$15,000						
Transfer	\$15,000						
Police	\$22,000	\$60,000					
Library	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		
Ambulance	\$260,000						
Fire	\$41,000	\$75,000	\$500,000	\$120,000			

Highway: \$145,000 for plow/dump(replaced in 2011), \$140,000 loader(replaced in 2002) how far out can we finance? Can we finance for 5 to 7 years or longer? How much is old equipment worth?

Roads: \$500,000 per year for five years. We could set a line for borrowing and use what we need? What other funding will the town receive? What are the specific needs for the roads?

Townhall: form committee of volunteers, perhaps hire outside consultant. Town Hall has plans that show a cost of \$6m. What alternatives do we have? Currently should we close the second floor and have meetings in the fire house? Do we want to rehab or tear down and build a new building? Could we raise private money?

Transfer Station : reconvene standing committee, hire outside consultant, possible privatization, needs a masterplan. Privatize, close, combine with another town? Is the transfer station profitable?

Police: radios cost \$11,000 per our a total of \$22,000. Ask Chief to investigate grants to pay for \$60,000 cruiser.

Library: roof replacement, interior painting, replace carpet. Reach out for funding from the friends of the library for \$200,000. Set a reserve fund. Nat thought that a \$10,000 reserve fund should be set. How would this be done?

Ambulance/ Rescue: In FY22 the Rescue Squad requested \$260,000 for a new ambulance to replace the current ambulance purchased in 2011. High maintenance costs has caused the ambulance to be out of service frequently. 911 calls have increased this year calling for the ambulance. Mutual aid to surrounding Towns and Fairview Hospital are frequent. How to finance?

Fire Dept: Replace the 1980's purchased Jaws of Life with battery operated equipment at a cost of \$41,000. Purchase 2 handheld thermal imagers was taken off the request as they are less than \$10,000. FY2024 purchase for \$75,000 a heavy-duty pickup that replaces 25-year-old pickup and 30 year old ice truck. Use for responding to fire calls that do require the expense of using large fire equipment. FY 2025 replace 30-year-old water tanker with a tanker that carries 500 more gallons of water or 3000 gallons. FY 2026 replace 15 air packs at a cost of \$120,000. Find out how many calls involve jaws of life and tanker. How would town fund?