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Present: Ron Mikol, Kevin Walsh, Harold Simmons, Dana Metzler, Christine Muir
Absent: Joe Dean

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

FY15 Budget Overview

Dana connected his laptop to the projector so we could review and modify the FY15 budget. We reduced the Highway Wages line by \$10,011 because the former employee has returned so we don't have to make up the hours he works at the Water Department. We also increase the accountant clerical by to \$7,963; accountant professional & technical to \$5,800; accountant office supplies to \$1,000; police wages to \$452,694; and Parks by \$6,000, as the trees planted in Larter Field last year cost \$7,000.

Kevin questioned the police wages item, and was told the increase was only to provide 2% increase to current wages.

Transfers

We approved two transfers tonight.

We moved \$1753.46 from the Reserve account to Snow & Ice removal. The current balance in that account is a negative \$19,607. Even with the authorization to overspend the account by \$25,000, an unpaid salt bill of \$6,000 requires this transfer. The transfer was approved unanimously, and we noted that this is the first transfer from the Reserve account in FY14.

The second transfer was for \$3000 to the Engineering/Professional Services line item, for services provided by the town engineer. The current balance on the account is \$131. The transfer is to cover work done on culverts and storm drains. Kevin said we need to determine whether we are responsible for \$40,000 in annual maintenance costs for these drains. The engineering work is charged at \$150/hour and Dana suggested that the BOS ask for other quotes to see if this amount is reasonable. The transfer was unanimously approved.

Transfer Station

Maria Amodei was present when Dana brought up the transfer station budget, which is about \$7,500 short. Dana suggested that we adjust the town subsidy to \$18,000.

Minutes

We unanimously approved the meeting minutes of March 31 and April 3.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Ron Mikol
Dana Metzler
Harold Simmons
Christine Muir