

LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015
LITCHFIELD TOWN OFFICE BUILDING – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Chairman David T. Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Present: Leo Paul, James Koser, Edwin Evers, David W. Wilson, David T. Wilson, Frank Simone, Stacey Dionne, Asst. Finance Director, Raz Alexe, Director of Public Works, David Fiorillo, School Business Manger

Absent: Amaechi Obi, Interim Finance Director

Approve Minutes

a) Special 12/2/15: Motion: L. Paul moved and J. Koser seconded a motion to approve the special minutes of 12/2/15. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Review Requests with Departments

a) Police: Chairman Wilson said the Police have requested \$37,000 in 16/17 to replace the 2011 cruiser with a 2016 Ford Interceptor all-wheel drive vehicle, fully outfitted. Then in 2018/19 they are planning on replacing the 2015 Ford Interceptor. There is \$25,000 existing for the new radio system. D. T. Wilson asked Trooper Jim Holm why they did not get the radios, and he said the State isn't doing the upgrade until this year. The parts are no longer available for current radio fixes, so Motorola is forcing them to start the upgrade. The State will provide Trooper Holm's base unit and portable car radio, but the constables will still need to be upgraded as well.

Stacey Dionne passed out sheets showing existing funds and requested items for 2016/17 combined with the five-year items from the 2015/16 budget. L. Paul said that unexpended bonded money can go toward bonded projects. He then introduced Raz Alexe to the group.

b) Board of Education: David Fiorillo presented the Board of Education's two requests and said he talked with Len Fasano to clearly divide school from Town projects. His requests are true needs. The safety and security project is divided between two needs. The first is for 6 – 8 exterior cameras (\$28,000), and the second for window film for high risk areas (\$24,500), for a total of \$52,500. The second request is a new phone system at the Intermediate and Middle/High School buildings, with estimate of \$43,496 in 2016/17 and \$46,919 in 2017/18. He hopes that the cost will come in lower. He confirmed that the \$43,496 would be spent in 2016. He encouraged approval of both projects.

c) Public Works: Naomi Boccio said that Public Works was able to reduce their total requests from \$3,400,000 to \$2,800,000.

Bridges

Public Works Director Raz Alexe will look into the reason for the increased scope changes on the three bridges and if the Mike Road sleeving project or Headquarters Road bridge could be pushed out one year.

Vehicles and Equipment

The JD Backhoe was moved out of 2016/17 and into 2017/18. The \$20,000 chipper was taken out. The 2016/17 request for the sweeper was changed to \$116,000, although Mr. Paul was not in

favor of purchasing it, and renting was also discussed. R. Alexe noted that they would need a sweeper to precede the truck for any chip sealing jobs.

Major Road Projects

Moosehorn Road reconstruction (\$200,000) was moved out to 2017/18. The existing \$150,000 could be used to do preliminary drainage work. The Tannery Brook Road resurfacing project (\$75,000) was moved out to 2017/18.

Public Facilities

N. Boccio said that changes made this far are: 1) moving Town Hall repointing/sealing out to 2018/19 (\$75,000); 2) moving Town Hall ADA and restroom upgrades to 2017/18 (\$25,000); and 3) moving High School Boiler #2 out to 2017/18 (\$45,000).

d) Fire & EMS: David W. Wilson questioned East Litchfield purchasing second-hand SCBA equipment (\$4,000) and then asking residents for donations to cover the purchase. D. T. Wilson said they should have waited for the townwide replacement. Ed Evers said he would find out what happened.

Mr. Paul warned about accumulating too many unexpended funds. He referred to the report showing projects and amounts of unexpended funds for a total of \$553,846. Monies must be spent within four years. He suggested using some to pay for the bridge projects. Stacey Dionne will revise her spreadsheet to reflect the current changes.

Adjournment: Motion: Frank Simone moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. and J. Koser seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Leo Paul, Jr.
Secretary