

TOWN OF LAKESIDE Budget Meeting October 19, 2021

Meeting called to order by Chairman Scott Luostari 6 pm

Roll Call: Mark Saari, Tom Schnepfer, Ted Helin, Brian Stockinger, Tracy Ruppe, Chuck Deye, Kevin Norbie, Hope Nordrum, Nova Nordrum, Supervisors Mary Peterson and Gerald Tutor, Treasurer Vicki Luostari, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.

Budget was gone through line by line. Transportation aids up a little, shared revenue down.

Fire Department- Nova explained they need a lot of new equipment including, ladders, air tanks, masks, hoses, and fittings, etc. The money in the savings account is to pay for other things, \$18,000 has already been designated for a fill station. They need to gear up new members, they also need to do mask fit testing, as well as medical testing. Gerald asked about the tanks and filling options. The FD cannot respond until all tanks are refilled, no outside business to fill them, they have been taking ours to fellow FD's. Tanks are replaced by usage hours, but they usually last 20-30 years. The board decided to increase the equipment maintenance line by \$500 and the equipment fund by \$2,500. Ruth Ann also mentioned that after talking to many other clerks that Nova's salary be increased to \$300/mo. = \$3,600 per year, board accepted.

Wages- Board granted the guys 2%.

Utilities need to increase due to rising costs.

Engineering firm supposed to look at SVL bridge as there are concerns. Scott to contact them again.

Need to purchase some culverts and signs in 2022.

Needed to reduce lines 6,19,48, & 50 to increase lines 5,13,14,16,23,25,26,30,31,40,41,44 & 49 to not raise the levy more than the state allowable limit.

Debt service stayed the same.

Question raised as to whether something can be done about the buzzing in the hall so people can hear. Question also raised about taping meetings, which is already happening. Website should be upgraded soon.

Gerald made a resolution to present the budget to the electors as presented, with a total levy amount of \$167,439 which includes the State allowed increase of \$2,400, Mary seconded, carried 7:17 pm. To be brought to the electors at 6 pm on 11/9/21 immediately prior to the 11/9/21 regular board meeting.

Motion made by Gerald to adjourn, Mary seconded, adjourned 7:18 pm.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Schnepfer

10/27/2021

Town hall, Collection site, Website