

TOWN OF CABLE BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

Town Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Hancock called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Supervisor Thurn, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to approve the agenda as submitted.

MOTION carried.

Approval of October 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, second by Supervisor Thurn to approve the October 8, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION carried.

Budget Review

The Board reviewed each category of the budget. Deputy Clerk Tuttle stated that as a result of discussion from the previous meeting, she added \$5000 into the fuel category.

Currently, to balance projected income and expenses, \$104,567.20 needs to be cut.

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Looking at the Clerk/Deputy Clerk category, Chair Hancock noted that if these two positions were combined into one 40-hour week position after the election, it would save \$10,000.

Fire Department

The Fire Department budget is \$31,500. The town has been putting \$15,000 a year in the Fire Department Outlay account to purchase air pac equipment. Currently, the Fire Department Outlay balance is \$62,490. Foreman Lang stated that the plan is to purchase 8 air pacs at a cost of over \$50,000. Because wages for firefighters are so low and equipment so expensive, it was the consensus that there was no place to save in the Fire Department budget.

Great Divide Ambulance

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter, dated October 8, 2018, from Great Divide Ambulance Service requesting double the amount, \$48,760, from the amount requested last year due to the significant increase in overtime wages. It was the consensus of the Board to request information as to whether payment of the lawsuit is in the budget. The town does not want to give an increase and then later have to pay a portion of the lawsuit. A representative from Great Divide will be invited to a budget meeting to explain the increase. Otherwise, the town will allot the same amount as last year.

Supervisor Thurn stated that she would like the Board to look at balances left from 2018 and specifically designate them to carry over to 2019, thereby reducing the 2019 budget.

Park

The amount budgeted for maintenance on the depot in 2018 is not necessary in 2019. The new campground to be established with a budget of \$3000 will be from 2018 funds. Steps and ramps are planned for the depot in 2019. It was the consensus of the Board to buy \$4000 worth of materials with 2018 funds for use in work to be done in 2019. The Park category was reduced from \$33,000 to \$10,000, a savings of \$23,000 to the budget.

4th July

A phone call was received from Patrick Spielbauer to say that the rate for the 4th July fireworks display will be the same in 2019 as in 2018, \$4500. This will save \$2000 from budget. There was a brief discussion to possibly increase the cost of wristbands for the 4th of July activities.

Public Landing

The budgeted amount was reduced to \$3000; wages in this category were reduced to \$1500.

Plan Commission

The budgeted amount for mileage was reduced to \$1,000, a savings of \$1500.

Street Décor

In 2018, \$3500 was budgeted for wages that were not used. It was the consensus of the Board that the flower pots and benches proposed by Cable Tomorrow could be purchased this year with those funds and the Cable Tomorrow budget appropriately reduced.

Greenspace (New Park)

The understanding with donor John Higgins is that he will pay the town for expenses incurred. This means the budget will have to include those expenditures and the reimbursements. The Board agreed that the town will pay for the electric meter base and installation.

Connect Communities

It was the consensus of the Board to allow a lump sum of \$15,000 for Connect Communities activities. Linda Podvin, Chair of the Design Committee, is working on an urban streetscape plan. She is working with a consultant from the Superior/Duluth area to design it. The design might be completed this year. Deputy Clerk Tuttle will contact Deb Nelson about what might be purchased yet this year from the Connect Communities budget.

A mural is planned for the east side of Rondeau's. Rather than spending taxpayer money for a private business, the Board decided that funds should be raised for this project.

Supervisor Popelka stated that the new PA system for the town would be eligible for grant funds. He suggested designating funds but then applying for a grant. Deputy Clerk Tuttle will contact Jack Radecki regarding a deadline to receive the quote for the PA system.

Highway Supplies and Other

The Board agreed to cut hours from the half-time person recently hired. Street Décor supplies under this category were cut to \$500 from \$2500. The Building maintenance and Repairs line item was cut from \$7500 to \$4000..

Date for Next Budget Meeting

The next budget review meeting will be October 24, 2018, Town Office at 4:00 p.m.

Public Input

There was none.

Other Issues

There were none.

Adjournment: Chair Hancock declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.