

Minutes
Meeting in-person at 18 Jacobs Rd
Joint SB/Fincom Meeting
21 February 2023

Present: Tom Lively, Will Emmet, Ned Wolf

Select board meeting called to order at 6:04 PM

Fincom meeting called to order at 6:05 PM (Tom made motion, Ned seconded). 3-0 in favor.

Select board entered executive session. Fincom also entered executive session (Will made motion, Ned seconded).

See Town Coordinator's minutes (PENDING)

Alice and Bob entered at 6:24 pm.

SB ended executive session at 6:37 pm (Sue made motion/Brian seconded).

Fincom ended executive session at 6:38 pm (Bob made motion/Alice seconded). Vote was 5-0 in favor.

MLP Budget Hearing

1. David Gordon conducted an overview of the broadband cash flow analysis.
2. Alice raised a question about a decrease in the MLB manager's salary following construction completion. Are the manager's hours already decreasing?
3. There are 344 active customers.
4. David Gordon discussed the RRR project (redundancy).
5. Ned pointed out that the CAF II income (7.5 year duration) of \$419K can be used to pay down broadband debt.
6. Sue Lively asked how broadband revenue would be spent to repay debt. Answer was that the MLB maintains a list of priorities.

Fire Department Budget Hearing

1. Fire Chief Nick Anzuoni outlined the current and future status of the Heath Volunteer Fire Department.
 - a. There is a new software app called "Station Smarts"
 - b. We need to seriously consider a move toward shared services across the county
 - c. Leyden is down to one (!!) fire department member.

- d. One idea would be to retain a full-time paid fire chief over several towns (shared position). For example: Colrain, Heath, Leyden, Rowe and Charlemont might share a chief.

Highway Department Budget Hearing

1. Jeff Johnston entered the room.
2. Salary figures will be adjusted for the anticipated COLA.
3. Alice suggested that there be a consolidation of accounts, specifically "vehicle gas and oil" should be rolled into "materials and supplies", line items 58 and 59 into 57, 61 and 63 into 57. The more general the account, the more flexible in spending.
4. Capital purchases:
 - a. Present truck fleet: 3 large trucks, one small truck.
 - b. Truck #1 (Jason): 2003 due to replace with smaller truck.
 - c. Truck #2 (Kyle): 2012 due to replace
 - d. Truck #3 (Jeff): 2021 ok
 - e. Truck #4 (Mike): 2015 Dodge 1 ton
 - f. One plan would be to keep truck #1 and replace truck #2.
 - g. A small truck is approx. 85k for the cab and chassis.
 - h. Three bids for a large truck cab and chassis: 138k, 144k and 157k.
 - i. We need to reserve a "slot" to order a truck.
 - j. Tractor mounted leaf blower to replace old cobbled-together unit : 7.3k
5. Fincom: Will made a motion and Bob seconded to recommend that the town write a letter of intent to purchase a Navistar (IH) smaller truck. Vote was 5-0 in favor.
6. Tom left meeting at 9:10 PM, Ned is acting fincom chair.

Certification of free cash.

Alice made a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William T. Emmet