



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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Madawaska Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting Minutes
Madawaska Safety Complex
Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Douglas Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, Jason Boucher and Manon Raymond
TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard
RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault
OTHERS PRESENT: Caryl Albert, Kevin Dube

Chairman Doug Cyr calls the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and established a quorum with selectmen Laurie Gagnon, Jason Boucher and Manon Raymond.

- **Pledge of Allegiance.**
- **Public Participation; closed to in- person participation, participation via written comments.**

This portion of the meeting is to allow the public to inform the Board regarding their concerns. During Board of Selectmen meetings closed to in-person public participation, persons interested in addressing the Board shall do so by submitting written comments to the Town Manager no later than noon on the day of the Board Meeting. Comments received will be distributed to the Board and read aloud. Please be advised that individuals addressing concerns will be placed on the Board's next regular meeting agenda unless the issue addressed is one of an emergency nature. The Chairperson or Acting Chairperson will use his/her discretion as to whether action on any particular issue should be taken at this meeting. Items regarding personnel issues or town employees cannot be discussed in open session. **Board Meetings can be viewed live by accessing the link on the Town's website @ www.townofmadawaska.com or www.stjohnvalley.live**

No Public Participations at this time.

ARTICLES OF BUSINESS

Article 1 To Consider the FY22 Town of Madawaska Budget.

Public Works gave an update regarding the culvert on 16th Ave. A quote was given at approximately \$100,000 for 160 feet of replacement. DEP and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife were also notified. A list of culverts and sidewalks needs to be provided at what is to come in the future.

A review of the budget was presented by the Town Manager.

Dept 100 – Increase of \$1,600 due to Public Officials & Liability and Audit cost.

Dept 110 – Increase of \$12,623 due to Cola and Health Benefits.

Dept 120 – No Change

Dept 130 – Decrease of \$20,370 due to reallocating the computer software to other departments, savings on the phone line.

Dept 135 – Increase of \$2,500 due to heating oil and electricity increase.



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Dept 140- decrease of \$3,876 due to election timing last year, reducing staff in wages and benefits.

Dept 200 – decrease of \$28,128. Contracting out for CDBG and bringing in an employee to help in-house.

Dept 300 – increase of \$8,759. Due to phone lines, salaries, and benefits.

Dept 310 – Increase of \$7,696 due to salaries and benefits, decrease in telephone line and repair maintenance.

Dept 320 – Increase of \$4,435 due to Cola and computer software.

Dept 325 – No Change

Dept 400 – Decrease in library operations.

Dept 500- increase of \$25, 225. Due to COLA and employee benefits.

Dept 600 – Increase of \$12,622 due to Cola, employee benefits, electricity and heating costs, computer and software, and seasonal decorations. A list was provided to the members about what the Parks, Recreation & Maintenance Department takes care of and entails.

Dept 700 – Decrease of \$533. Due to lower workers compensation claims.

Dept 710 – Increase of \$38,076 due to an increase in County Tax, street light replacement if streetlights need to be replaced.

Dept 720 – Decrease of \$2,000 due to Madawaska Historical Society requesting less.

Dept 730 – No Change.

Dept 960 – Increase of \$38,694 due to Colas, employee benefits, electric, heating fuel, and sewer debt loan.

Monies cannot be taken out of the general fund/reserve due to emergencies arising.

Capital Purchases & Reserves –

Parks/Recreation & Maintenance - \$42,000

Public Works \$25,000

Fire Truck - \$25,000

Capital repairs to fire trucks - \$40,000

Tennis Courts- \$5,000

Road Project - \$264,500

Sidewalk project - \$48,000

Roof Replacement - \$ 55,000

- The board would like some clarification for the rec mower, if some money can be put in for repairs verses buy a complete new one.

A question regarding the last meeting when the auditor was recommending a General Fund, how to move forward with this recommendation.

Next Meeting Date: May 4, 2021



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Adjourn

Jason Boucher motions to adjourn at 6:30 P.M. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.