



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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Madawaska Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee Budget Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 25, 2020 6:00 pm

Madawaska Town Office Council Chambers

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Donald Chasse, David Morin, Laurie Gagnon, and Doug Cyr

TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault

OTHER PRESENT: Arleen Cyr, Chris Braley, Jim Soucy, Amy Ouellette, Kenneth Gendreau, Joel Dechaine, Keith Cyr, Eric Cyr, Gerald Ouellette, Joel Ouellette, Dana Gendreau, Ghislaine Levesque, Ross Dubois, Adam Desrosier, Tom Kent, Morgan Mitchell, Aaron Cyr, Kim & Scott Levesque, Mark Cyr, Gary Dufour.

Chairman Donald Chasse calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and established a quorum with Selectmen Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, and David Morin.

Article 1 Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 2 Public Participation.

A resident voiced there is dog feces from 6th Ave along main street to about Robert's Jewelry building.

Article 3 To Consider Other Business and Adjustments to the Agenda.

- To Consider the 2020-2021 Emergency Service Contract with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office.

6:07 P.M. **Doug Cyr motions to accept the 2020-2021 Emergency Service Contract with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 4 To Consider the Treasurers Warrants.

6:08 P.M. **David Morin motions to accept the Treasurers Warrants. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 5 To Consider the Proposed Elections Expense Budget, Department 140.

- An increase in Special Projects / Events of \$6,763 due to the need in new ballot booths. Selectman David Morin would like to go look at them. *This will be revisited with more quotes.*

Article 6 To Consider the Proposed Development & Codes Budget, Department 200.

- Digital Sign – would like to revisit due to getting to expensive to run
- Business Development Activity- decrease of \$1500, due to attempting to cut costs.
- Community Development Activity – decrease of \$700, due to attempting to cut costs.
- Acadian Day / Congres Tes Forest – not fund – questioning the value of what it brings to the community
- Property Mapping- It was not expensed due to not being done this year.

Article 7 To Consider the Proposed Ambulance Budget, Department 300.

No budget items were flagged to be revisited. The ambulance dept holds a steady budget of an increase of \$4,274, mostly due to an increase of employee benefits which fluctuates with staffing changes. The Board of Selectmen



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would like to see a Balance Sheet on what the costs are per call.

Article 8 To Consider the Proposed Police Expense Budget, Department 310.

No budget items were flagged to be revisited.

Article 9 To Consider the Proposed Fire Expense Budget, Department 320.

8:05 P.M. **David Morin motions to continue the meeting passed the 2-hour maximum until 8:30 p.m.**
Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Fire Chief made the board aware of the status of the Fire Trucks. The Fire Chief would like to ask if we can get town approval to get a new truck or a lease option.

Article 10 To Consider the Proposed EMA Expense Budget, Department 325.

No budget items were flagged to be revisited.

ADJOURNMENT

8:16 P.M. **Laurie Gagnon motions to adjourn. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting:

Board of Selectmen Meeting March 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM, followed by the Budget Meeting at 6:00 PM.