



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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Joint Meeting of the Madawaska Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Madawaska High School Library
Wednesday August 19, 2020 at 5:00 pm

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, Jason Boucher, Daniel Daigle, and Manon Raymond

TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chris Braley, Ken Gendreau, Ray Beaulieu, Joel Deschaine

OTHERS PRESENT: Pierrette Soucy, Wallace Talbot, Gerald Ouellette, Mark Madore, Ronald Gervais, Fran Gendreau, Linda Cyr, Jim Soucy, Ken Theriault, Mark Cyr

Chairman Doug Cyr calls the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and established a quorum with Selectmen Laurie Gagnon, Jason Boucher, Daniel Daigle, and Manon Raymond.

Article 1 Pledge of Allegiance.

Manon Raymond asked to read a statement in response to last night's meeting regarding the workload at the Town Office.

New Budget sheets were provided with the updated numbers. Currently the budget is showing a decrease of \$458,383. In department 200, there is a change in salaries and employee benefits due to a vacancy in the department. Due to the vacancy they are looking to restructure the position to a 40 hour work week helping the Economic Development Director admin work and CBDG work. Department 700 would have an increase of 2600 to prop & casualty. Department 710 sidewalk match was moved to capital and not removed from 710 Department budget.

Article 2 To Consider the Department 720, Social Services Budget.

100 – American Legion Decorations – *Questioning if the town legally must provide money*

000 – Madawaska Historical Society – Asking for a funding total of \$11,000. Fran Gendreau gave a presentation regarding what the Historical Society has done in the past and what they are working towards in the future. They are in dire need to replace the roof on the Albert House. She is also looking for suggestions on how to move forward with funding.

00- Long Lake Water Quality Association – asking for \$2000 to replace their machine they use to check water quality at the long lake. This information is then taken and sent into the State of Maine. *Question was made, if other communities are donating?*

Article 3 To Consider the Department 320, Fire Department Budget.

Fire Department introduced a budget of an overall decrease of \$712. Fire Department chief is asking for \$40,000 from Capital to help 2 trucks in need of pump, valves, and light repair. The E2 pumper and the ladder have never been serviced and would need approximately \$20,000 each.



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The Fire department is in direr need of a new pumper. There are lease to own options and it takes 1 year to build. In the past money was placed in reserves to help replace trucks, it has been years since that has happened.

Article 4 To Consider the Department 325, EMA Budget.

The EMA budget is seeing an increase of \$498 overall. This is due to putting some monies towards the infrastructure communication tower. The EMA is also in need to upgrade the manual transfer switch to an automatic switch which when it was last priced was \$25,000.

Article 5 To Consider the Department 400, Library Budget.

The overall budget includes operations and labor. The hours of operations are M-F 10-7 and Saturday 10-2. Internet is at zero due to getting their internet provided by Fiberoptic internet from UMFK. Usage of the library does not only involve books, there is also usage on the computers and renting the downstairs room for meetings. Attendance last year was 15,000. 14547 books and movies were circulated. Not counted is the use of meeting rooms, no charge for civic groups. No charge for the use of the internet. No information was provided on demographics for use. 3 library aides are employed at 27 hours a week. The Librarian covers the remaining of the coverage that the aids cannot cover, he also does the janitorial/snow removal work. Bookkeeper does the reconciling of the books. Accountant is separate from the bookkeeper. The accountant does the audit for the year. A Public library cannot be accessed inside a school. The ownership of the Public Library is owned by the Library Corporation. The building is not owned by the town. It functions with a board of directors.

Article 6 To Consider the Department 960, Pollution Control Budget.

Currently, they are working with 2 full time employees with 1 vacancy. The Pollution Control Department is funded by sewer fees. The increase in the budget is based on Landfill Disposal fees & trucking cost associated with hauling to Cogorno due to not using the Endico site. The biggest increase is the Debt Service due to the sewer project that has now completed.

Article 7 To Consider the Capital & Reserves Budget.

For 2020-2021 in Capital the only money requested currently is 40,000 for the miscellaneous truck repairs for the fire department.

For 2020-2021 in Reserve there are money set aside for the Tennis courts at the lake, Road Project reserve, MDOT 2021 sidewalk project match, and safety complex roof replacement project.

Article 8 To Consider the Revenue Budget.

This budget is made up of revenue from various departments.

100-Governing Body – Reimbursements for Veteran Tax Exemption and Tree Growth.

110- Town Admin – projection on motor vehicles excise taxes, boat excise tax, motor vehicle fee.

120- Public Health & General Assist – state will reimburse a % based on what was assisted



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200- Development Codes & Assessing – based on Permits and contracted services to other towns.

300- Ambulance – contracted services with other towns, billing revenue and surplus. It was asked to increase 150,000 to 200,000 in surplus.

320- Public Works – reimbursement on Fuel tax refund

600- Parks Recreation and Maintenance – Rentals on tents and buildings

700- Town Wide Insurance – refund on insurance premium.

Other: Governing Body Expense – Dept 100

Overall decrease of \$640. Travel and Training was decreased.

- Questions were asked about overlay and undesignated funds for departments.

Meeting dates:

Finance Meeting: Monday August 31 @ 5pm

Joint Finance / Board of Selectmen Meeting Sept 2 & 3 @ 5:30pm

Adjourn

Manon Raymond motions to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.