

Budget meeting called to order by Scott Luostari at 6:19pm. Nick was unable to attend. Tom arrived at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Clerk Kathy Johnson, Supervisor Scott Luostari, James Magerl, Mark Saari, Barbara Helin, Nova Nordrum, Tracy Ruppe, Chairman Tom Johnson.

1. Town Computers: Reviewed price from Discover PC. Both of the town's computers are old and need to be updated. Price for a refurbished tower with Professional 07 is \$675.00; without Professional 07, price would be \$399.00. Put off until budget is closer to completion.
2. Budget worksheets were reviewed line by line.
  - Line 7, with figure to correct for 2014. Chairman wants that salary to remain at \$8,500 without town match extended on budget line.
  - Line 54, signs. A request for a sign at the bottom corner of Sleepy Valley Loop of 'Hidden Driveway'. Fire sign and other reflective road sign information is being collected.
  - Line 70, Routh Memorial Park. Discussed how to spend this money. A suggestion for a porta-potty close to ball park and play ground; discussed whether to purchase or rent from April 15 to September 15.
  - Line 73, Old Brule Heritage Society. They have requested their snow plowing fee be waived. Option of no line 73 vs snow plowing fee. Will put on agenda for the November board meeting.
  - Line 72, Northwestern High School Grad Party; suggestion to drop this donation. Will put on agenda for annual meeting in April 2014.
  - Lines 75-79, Dept Service. Combine Dump Truck and Mower as they are now on one loan. Make Backhoe another line. Grader another line. Will need payment schedule from Nortrax to put in backhoe payment. Then will finish this section.
  - Lines 20-29, Public Safety. SCBA tanks all need to be replaced by 2018, total cost of about \$25,000. Looking at replacing 5 tanks every year at the cost of \$5,000/year. In need of \$20,000 for truck, to get the engine fixed. Need to have the money before they can order the repairs. Also in need of 10 turn out gears for a cost of \$29,000. These are for the volunteers that are currently with the department. Have to have 5 sets to go into a structure fire.
  - Line 24a, Do Cty 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Grant; need to add the \$1,000 to revenue part of budget sheet. Tracy requested moneys not used in 2013 be rolled into fire department equipment fund at the end of the year.
  - Line 30-39, Highway A. Jamie is satisfied with his current status, but is asking that Mark receive an increase in salary and some retirement. Tracy suggested retirement be added for Mark since he works 32 hours a week.

Tom would like anticipated column completed before next budget meeting.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Tom, to schedule continuance of the budget meeting on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 6:30pm. No discussion, so moved. Meeting recessed at 9:25pm.

Submitted by  
Kathy Johnson, Clerk