

Approved Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)

Wednesday February 8, 2006

Members present

Steve Andersen
Rae Barnhisel
Mike Darnell
Brian Kullgren

Others present

Charlene Eddy (Select Board)
Mary Nutting
Grinnell More
Ben Tirey

John Pierce
Honey Hastings
John Kieley
Connie Kieley

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

1. Minutes from January 25, 2006, approved as written.
2. Andersen distributed copies of the Budget Worksheet dated 2-8-06. He reported that he had reviewed the worksheet with the Select Board and Administrative Assistant at the Select Board meeting 2-7-06 and had calculated the increase over last year's operating budget. He provided the following rationale: Given that the 2005 total budget was approx. \$1,928,860, one can subtract the following 2005 one-time or unusual expenses (\$837,602) to obtain the 2005 operating budget of \$1,091,258:

- \$399,000 Skladany land
- \$240,000 West Road bridge
- \$20,000 Town Hall CRF
- \$85,000 Highway dump truck
- \$7500 photocopier
- \$2500 TANS
- \$44,050 Fire truck payment
- \$25,000 snow plowing
- \$9000 Skladany land legal expense
- \$3000 ball field fencing
- \$2552 tennis court

One can subtract the following projected one-time or unusual expenses (\$98,700) from the 2006 projected budget of \$1,231,522 to obtain the projected 2006 operating budget of \$1,132,822:

- \$38,000 fire truck payment
- \$2700 interest on above
- \$40,000 Skladany land payment
- \$18,000 interest on the above.

The difference between the 2005 and 2006 operating budget, \$1,091,258 - \$1,132,822 is \$41,564. One can then subtract the following revenue (\$19,000) from this difference:

- \$8000 Benefits otherwise allocated...
- \$6000 Highway FEMA grant
- \$5000 Welfare

One can then add the following expenses (\$1250) to the difference:

- \$1000 Police Dept. professional Services
- \$250 Project Lift

The difference to date of the operating budget from 2005 to 2006 appears to be \$23,814, a 2% increase over last year's operating budget.

3. Members discussed the Deputy Animal Control position referenced in Select Board minutes dated 1-12-06 and the financial audit report of the Administrative office recommending changes to how cash, deposits, and computer storage is handled. Darnell requested computer surge protection be addressed by the Select Board. Members acknowledged that the costs to date of inadequate protection for hardware (the "multiple lightning strikes") have been high. Darnell requested that the BAC and Select Board consider a 13-month projected budget to track debits and credits on a monthly basis.
4. Members agreed that the Select Board should make 30 copies of the Budget Worksheet for the Budget Hearing scheduled for Saturday 2-11-06 and cover the costs themselves.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rae Barnhisel
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5. B. Tirey provided a copy of the page proof of the 2005 BAC Report. Neither the Account Detail nor Select Board minutes were made available as requested.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rae Barnhisel
2/22/06