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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FEBRUARY 14, 2017 MINUTES

Members Present: J. Rachek-Chairman, D. Harding, M. Joyse, D. Olender, B. Pinto, M. Varney

Others Present: N. DiCorleto-Finance Officer, L. Spielman-First Selectman, J. Prichard, M. Ferry, A. Foster, D. Stavens, R. Stomberg-Selectmen, S. Nicol-Supt. of Schools, B. Greenleaf-Dir Finance/Opers BOE, G. Feldman-Chief EVFD, C. Pippin-Chief CLFD, T. Webb-DPW Director, D. Palshaw

Call to Order

Chairman John Rachek called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM. First Selectman, Lori Spielman read through the projects that the Board of Selectmen has approved for funding. The net cost to the town less grants, reimbursements and leases is \$1,155,711.

Road Construction – Road Overlay \$500,000, Chipsealing (LOCIP) \$106,719 and Unimproved Roads \$20,000.

Building Repairs – Hall Memorial Library carpet replacement \$95,750.

Miscellaneous – Sidewalks \$25,000, Sidewalk Extension West Rd \$97,303, Parking Lot Renovations \$50,000, Plan of Conservation and Development-2018 \$80,000, EVFD Generator Replacement Station 243 \$55,000 and Windermere School Air Conditioning Cafeteria \$85,500.

Equipment Purchase – DPW Snow Plow Truck \$190,000, Town Staff Vehicle \$35,000, CLFD Pumper \$230,000 (5 yr lease), CLFD Breathing Apparatus \$215,000 (5 yr lease), EVFD Breathing Apparatus \$500,000 (5 yr lease).

Mr. Rachek asked which sidewalks were scheduled to be installed and Mr. Webb told him that there will be small various locations around Town where they are needed. Mr. Rachek asked if

the Route 83 sidewalk was necessary. Mr. Webb stated that the State did a safety audit of the area and concluded that it was, and a grant was approved for the sidewalk. This year's budget is for the study. The State has committed 80% to this project and it is scheduled to be completed in 2020.

As far as the parking lot item, Mr. Webb told the Board that each year they work to repair town parking lots. Last year the Library was done. The parking lot to be repaired this year is the one between the Fire House and Public Works Facility.

Mr. Olender ask why the EVFD had twice as many breathing devices in the budget than CLFD. Chief Feldman told his that he was replacing 1 for 1 and that he had to have one for every seating position as well as a spare. Crystal Lake is looking for 20 units; he has fewer fire fighters than Center Fire.

Lori Spielman asked Mr. DiCorleto where the EVFD Pumper budget would be located and he said it would be put into the debt budget.

Mr. Olender told the Board that he had researched the possibility of purchasing a refurbished 2000 Pierce Quantum pumper and was told that the purchase and total refurbishment would total \$300,000. He asked Mr. Feldman what he thought and felt it was a better option than spending \$600,000+ in consideration of what the State is asking the towns to pay for in this upcoming year.

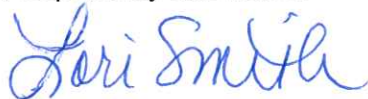
Chief Feldman stated that he would still end up with an old vehicle with old drive trains and chassis. He stated that in the past they have done refurbishments of existing equipment and added 20 years to the life of the vehicle. The new vehicle life would be more than 20 years. He stated that he doesn't have faith in the rehabs and prefers to purchase a new vehicle. Mike Varney stated that it is the risk that the truck protects that has to be taken into account. The Town needs something reliable and a refurbished life expectancy is ½ of a new truck. He stated that other surrounding towns of comparable size own 4-5 pumpers, Ellington currently owns 2. He also felt the Town should take into account that the department is fully volunteer.

Gary Feldman stated that the repairs last year on the pumper were \$18,000. Mr. Joyse asked what the lease cost would be and Mr. DiCorleto stated that it was less than 5% and that one mill is \$1.3 million.

Adjournment

MOVED (JOYSE) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary