

Town of Sandisfield
Finance Committee Meeting
March 21, 2015 at Sandisfield Library

Members Present: Kathy Jacobs, John Burrows, Dave Hubbard, Donna Newman.
Also present, Ron Pachulski.

Meeting called to order at 9:31 AM

The Minutes of January 17, 2015 were read and approved.

Dave questioned why there was a separate line for the New Tires, instead of including in Machinery Account. Still feels the DPW needs GPS Vehicle tracking system this would allow tracking of maintenance and we could establish the actual cost per mile of snowplowing.

We should ask for a detailed list of expenditures on the FY 15 maintenance account, and review.

The following Reserve Fund transfers were approved:

\$795 for the Fire Department forest fire backpacks.

\$1555.42 for the Assessor department new computer.

\$600 for electrical work for a light at the new park at RT 8 & 57.

Ask Tom Ryan about loggers cleaning up debris after logging, as this creates a forest fire hazard as it dries out.

We feel the Treasurer should have been present at the Wired West meeting when funding was discussed.

School Budget increase will be 2.1% or \$28,450 for FY16.

The FinCom agrees the Town should purchase an 8 wheel dump truck not a 10 wheel to save on costs, especially if looking to replace another dump truck in FY17. Also could look for Demo or used.

Dave noticed budget increases on 3 line items:

Retirement up \$2800. Is pension fund properly funded.

Are there Lifetime Health Benefits? Up \$5500 on Benefits.

Up \$2500 on Unemployment. Going into a special Fund for future?

Recommend we look into setting up a special fund for Wired West for FY17, possibly \$20,000 per year to help offset cost of the bond.

Set up a fund for new trucks, need to purchase on a cycle.

Discuss past due Tax Posting in the newspaper. What actions will the Town take? When?

Our next meeting will be Wednesday April 15th at 6:30PM at the Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 AM./JB

Kathy Jacobs_____

John Burrows_____

Dave Hubbard_____

Donna Newman_____

Dominic Konstam_____