



Lamoine Budget Committee

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Minutes – October 24, 2022

Chair Merle Bragdon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present were: Budget Committee members Merle Bragdon, Mark Harris, Tiffany McMullen, Jeff Cosulich; Select Board Chair Jo Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon. Budget Committee member Greg Hiltz had informed the committee he was unable to attend.

Officers 2022/23 – Mark nominated Merle to be the chair. Tiffany 2nd. There were no other nominations. **Vote in favor was 3-0 (Bragdon abstained).**

Merle nominated Tiffany to be the vice-chair. Mark 2nd. There were no other nominations. **Vote in favor was 3-0 (McMullen abstained).**

Merle nominated Stu as the secretary. Mark 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Minutes – June 7, 2022 – Jeff noted one minor correction (a comma to replace a period in the total school budget figure). Mark moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Tiffany 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Meeting Schedule – The committee discussed dates and set Monday November 21, December 12 and December 19 at 6:30 PM as meeting dates.

Budget Reviews – Administration Salaries – The board discussed adding a salary line for an assessor, presuming that the referendum vote on November 8, 2022 passes. There was a brief discussion about the ongoing revaluation project, and contracted employees.

Administration Expenses – There was a discussion about projected heating fuel expenses and possible installation of heat pumps at the Lamoine Town Hall, Fire Station and School. It was noted the legal services line was reduced. General assistance is up \$500 in anticipation of greater need. Insurance costs for workers compensation and property and casualty were also up.

Code Enforcement – It was noted that while the salary line is reduced by \$1,000 the amount actually paid to the Code Enforcement Officer is not being reduced. The salary structure of the contract was discussed.

Waste Disposal – It was noted that tonnage sent to PERC has gone down a bit this year, so the expected cost was slightly reduced for the future budget. Transportation costs for MSW are proposed to increase due to fuel costs. There was a brief discussion about the Household Hazardous Waste program. There was a lengthy discussion. The committee requested to find out how much material is actually recycled by ecomaine and how much is incinerated and turned into energy. Stu said he would try to ascertain

those figures, and provide a cost comparison on a per-ton basis about what it costs to recycle and what it would cost to incinerate that which is currently being recycled.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Secretary