

ABC Meeting 3/18/24

Called to order at 6:32 by Bob Bocko

Lori Costigan and Scott Esancy represented the Appleton Select Board.

Langley Willauer was present.

Budget Committee Members present:

Bob Bocko

Bill Fiegener

Donald Mansius

Mary Kate Moody

Linda Wyler

Minutes from last week's meeting not yet available for review.

Town Budget reviewed.

LC provided answered to questions raised at last review. Please see documents provided by the select board.

General Government: Select Board recommends \$330,276

Motion made by BF, LW 2nd to recommend proposed amount.

Roll Call:

Bob Bocko; Yes

Bill Fiegener; Yes

Donald Mansius; Yes

Mary Kate Moody; No

Linda Wyler; Yes

Protection & Safety: Select Board recommends \$328,172

Motion made by DM 2nd by BF to recommend the proposed amount.

Roll Call:

Bob Bocko; Yes

Bill Fiegenger; Yes

Donald Mansius; Yes

Mary Kate Moody; Yes

Linda Wyler; Yes

Highway and Bridges: Select Board recommends \$620,328

Motion by BF 2nd by MKM to recommend proposed amount.

Roll Call:

Bob Bocko; Yes

Bill Fiegenger; Yes

Donald Mansius; No

Mary Kate Moody; Yes

Linda Wyler; Yes

Sanitation: Select Board recommends \$48,825

Motion by DM 2nd by BF to recommend proposed amount.

Roll Call:

Bob Bocko; Yes

Bill Fiegenger; Yes

Donald Mansius; Yes

Mary Kate Moody; No

Linda Wyler; Yes

Community: Select Board recommends \$63,300

Motion: Motion by DM 2nd by BF to recommend proposed amount.

Discussion around the cemetery line for the repair of markers. SE stated that last year we repaired trees and there is addition work needed. Shrubbery and road access both need attention in multiple cemeteries. Will this be annual request for funds? SE anticipates that the cost will be much lower next year. Have any state grants been applied for the help with plants and shrubs? SE, yes, looking at a canopy grant.

Roll Call:

Bob Bocko; Yes

Bill Fiegenger; No

Donald Mansius; No

Mary Kate Moody; No

Linda Wyler; Yes

Provider Agencies: Select Board recommends \$7,675

Motion: Motion by BF to recommend proposed amount. No second

BF proposed that we vote to not approve the recommended amount of \$7,675.

Discussion held around the value of these agencies and the need for services not provided by the government.

Roll Call:

Bob Bocko; Yes

Bill Fiegenger; Yes

Donald Mansius; No

Mary Kate Moody; Yes

Linda Wyler; No

LC reminded the budget committee that the town has a list of provider agencies requesting funds.

Capital Projects (\$50,000 grant applied for by town). Projects will not happen if the grant is not approved. Will show in the warrant article at vote.

Select Board recommends \$68,000

LC explained Bicentennial Fund will be a seed and allow for donation funds for the next 5 years. Does not mean that \$5,000 will be asked for each year. Can be put in as a warrant article.

Motion: Motion by DM 2nd by BF to recommend \$63,000.

Roll Call:

Bob Bocko; Yes

Bill Fiegenger; Yes

Donald Mansius; Yes

Mary Kate Moody; Yes

Linda Wyler; Yes

Motion made by BF to propose reducing line item 88 to an amount of \$0, 2nd by BB.

Roll Call:

Bob Bocko; Yes

Bill Fiegenger; Yes

Donald Mansius; Yes

Mary Kate Moody; Yes

Linda Wyler; Yes

DM noted that the budget committee ordinance can make recommendation on other fiscal matters as necessary. Recommendation to school abolish and merger into 5 towns. Create public works departments. LC and SE expressed their appreciation on starting these conversations. Do we need a town administrator? SE and LC expressed their appreciation of the budget committee.

No public comment

Next week on Wednesday, March 27th will be the AVS budget, 6:30 via Zoom.

Adjourned 8:09

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kate Moody