

Selectboard Meeting

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Transcript

00:01 - 00:04

Town Hall

This conference will now be recorded.

00:48 - 00:52

Town Hall

All right, so we're just going to do a couple of quick select board things.

00:54 - 00:57

Town Hall

We have driveway permit applications.

01:05 - 01:08

Town Hall

And I assume there's no issues with these.

01:08 - 01:09

Town Hall

No, we have with them.

01:10 - 01:11

Town Hall

And Matt with them.

01:12 - 01:12

Town Hall

All right.

01:13 - 01:14

Town Hall

I mean, not interesting.

01:15 - 01:17

Town Hall

And put that COVID has to be maintained.

01:17 - 01:18

Town Hall

Just me that signs, right?

01:19 - 01:20

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:21 - 01:26

Town Hall

I'll take a motion to approve these driveway documents.

01:26 - 01:43

Town Hall

So I move that we approve the driveway application at 697 Old North Road and that we approve the drive with you on do one at a time okay and a driveway application for 5 West Street.

01:43 - 01:45

Town Hall

Sounds like a good idea.

01:45 - 01:46

Town Hall

I'll second that.

01:50 - 01:56

Town Hall

5 West Street is so where is that like in relationship to Starkweather?

01:56 - 01:58

Town Hall

It's the Bartlett property right in the corner.

01:58 - 02:00

Town Hall

The one with the house burned down?

02:00 - 02:00

Town Hall

Yes.

02:00 - 02:01

Town Hall

Oh, okay.

02:01 - 02:02

Town Hall

Don't they already have a driveway?

02:02 - 02:04

Town Hall

In fact, I just drove it.

02:04 - 02:07

Town Hall

So there's the driveway on West Street where the house originally was.

02:08 - 02:12

Town Hall

The guy that purchased the property is looking to put a driveway off Starkweather.

02:13 - 02:14

Town Hall

Oh, so that's what it's for.

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Town Hall

That makes sense.

02:16 - 02:18

Town Hall

Cause this is actually a turnaround.

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Town Hall

Yes.

02:18 - 02:19

Town Hall

West Street.

02:19 - 02:32

Town Hall

His plan is to put a driveway and across the edge of the property up where, or next to his neighbors, going back to the far corner of the field where he isn't actually building.

02:34 - 02:34

Town Hall

Okay.

02:36 - 02:36

Town Hall

All right.

02:37 - 02:38

Town Hall

We had a motion to second, right?

02:39 - 02:40

Town Hall

So any other discussion, question?

02:42 - 02:42

Town Hall

Okay.

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Town Hall

All in favor?

02:43 - 02:43

Town Hall

Aye.

02:44 - 02:44

Town Hall

Okay.

02:51 - 02:51

Town Hall

All right.

02:51 - 02:53

Town Hall

Why don't we get started then?

02:53 - 02:54

Town Hall

I'm not as retarded.

02:54 - 02:55

Town Hall

Okay.

02:57 - 02:59

Town Hall

So highway revised budget.

03:40 - 03:44

Town Hall

Asking for a welder and a cracker, have you got any dukes in front of you?

03:44 - 03:45

Town Hall

We waited for you.

03:46 - 03:47

Town Hall

That's all right.

03:49 - 03:50

Town Hall

Thanks.

03:51 - 03:53

Town Hall

We had originally gotten some quotes.

03:53 - 03:58

Town Hall

I discussed with you on how some things were different between the quotes.

03:58 - 04:03

Town Hall

I re-contacted all those companies and they're in the process of resending the claim.

04:04 - 04:05

Town Hall

Everything's the same.

04:06 - 04:10

Town Hall

Okay, so let's talk about Highway, okay?

04:10 - 04:16

Town Hall

You want to start with what's I guess from previously, I forget where we were.

04:16 - 04:31

Town Hall

Oh, well, originally we thought about redistributing funds between different accounts, but we were advised that that's probably not the best for the department or our best interest.

04:31 - 04:56

Town Hall

So instead we compared the three, the last three fiscal years about what was extended and then came up with either the same amount um based on past history or possibly an increased amount for example like for fuel um because of inflation so the accounts were so they so what are the accounts we're talking about then.

04:58 - 05:15

Town Hall

Well machinery maintenance for sure well we didn't we threw in overtime wages just because of how the winter went but we certainly are okay with just leaving it as is because we know that it's okay to overspend in those, but we just thought we would make it higher.

05:15 - 05:23

Town Hall

We did use the calculations that Charlie and Joe provided me for how to calculate steps for the salaries.

05:25 - 05:31

Town Hall

And we did go up in machinery maintenance just because it looks like we're averaging about 40,000.

05:31 - 05:34

Town Hall

So that went up \$10,000.

05:35 - 05:55

Town Hall

And then again, machinery fuel went up and town mowing, we did send out some big quote forms and we've gotten some responses from people that we've used in the past and are happy with and they have gone up in price.

05:55 - 06:02

Town Hall

So we throw the extra \$400 so that we wouldn't have to have any extra meetings about it.

06:04 - 06:09

Town Hall

So did you, I know you didn't figure in for Dean, But did you figure in for a third highway worker?

06:10 - 06:14

Town Hall

I put that maybe they would be around a step 10, which is about \$30 an hour.

06:14 - 06:20

Town Hall

I really didn't know where you guys would come in as far as who you were going to hire and where you would start as steps.

06:23 - 06:26

Town Hall

So that's what we threw down.

06:26 - 06:27

Town Hall

That's for a new employee.

06:27 - 06:28

Town Hall

Yeah.

06:28 - 06:33

Town Hall

I couldn't remember the past of what everyone had discussed.

06:33 - 06:43

Town Hall

So we threw in a step 10, but that certainly can be adjusted as needed and now I did not include I think you were asking about the workers comp.

06:44 - 06:45

Town Hall

Were you asking about the workers comp?

06:46 - 06:47

Town Hall

No, no, okay.

06:47 - 06:54

Town Hall

I mean you said dean No, yeah, she did not include dean But but you are including a third worker and step 10 is probably pretty low.

06:54 - 07:05

Town Hall

I doubt we Because because um Travis is a 16 and and ted's a 20 Yeah, he'll go up to a 16.

07:06 - 07:14

Town Hall

Right, these are where they're going to, so 74, 610, and 68, 931, it seems like you ought to figure.

07:19 - 07:21

Town Hall

I mean, I guess it all depends on experience.

07:21 - 07:29

Town Hall

Yeah, definitely, it depends on experience, but if they come in with the right licenses

and stuff, it's going to be hard to.

07:31 - 07:35

Town Hall

So that would be the only adjustment as far as what you guys recommend.

07:40 - 07:54

Town Hall

And I did note that on the print of the information that you guys gave us that I don't have Dean methods and current rate at the rate that you have on the form.

07:55 - 08:03

Town Hall

So I don't know if that needs to be talked about offline, but I was told to keep him where he was at when he went out of work.

08:03 - 08:08

Town Hall

And it is it's definitely a discrepancy with what's on the board.

08:09 - 08:12

Town Hall

Yeah So we're gonna be doing this later.

08:12 - 08:13

Town Hall

It's pretty clear.

08:13 - 08:31

Town Hall

We don't have to budget right here So it looks like we're finally gonna be done with that issue So I would suggest though you budget for what I put in there for him Which was step 15 at 32 49 an hour comes up to 67 579 and I can try to add up these three numbers.

08:50 - 09:04

Town Hall

So I would suggest you budget for a third employee at step 15 at \$32.49 an hour,

which to 67 ,579.

09:04 - 09:11

Town Hall

So the total for that line, I'm coming up with 211 ,120, not 205.

09:13 - 09:13

Town Hall

Say that.

09:13 - 09:14

Town Hall

What is the total?

09:14 - 09:18

Town Hall

211 ,120 would be all for three employees.

09:27 - 09:28

Town Hall

Does that make sense to everyone?

09:33 - 09:37

JOE BOUDREAU

Well, how many employees will there be in that total?

09:38 - 09:39

Town Hall

So.

09:39 - 09:40

JOE BOUDREAU

That's with.

09:40 - 09:43

Town Hall

One supervisor and three workers.

09:43 - 09:44

JOE BOUDREAU

Well, what happens to.

09:44 - 09:46

JOE BOUDREAU

Dino's?

09:46 - 09:48

Town Hall

So we're going to be talking about it after this meeting.

09:49 - 09:54

Town Hall

They really can't go into it, but it's safe to say we won't have an expense for him next year.

09:55 - 09:55

JOE BOUDREAU

Okay.

09:56 - 10:06

JOE BOUDREAU

So rather than trying to me hear the right number, when everything is said and done, can someone send out the revised daily budget?

10:07 - 10:07

JOE BOUDREAU

Sure.

10:07 - 10:09

JOE BOUDREAU

Which you agreed with.

10:09 - 10:10

JOE BOUDREAU

Okay.

10:11 - 10:15

JOE BOUDREAU

And that's everybody so that we will all have a revised final highway.

10:15 - 10:16

Town Hall

Budget.

10:19 - 10:28

Town Hall

So, so are there questions about the rest of the budget I just addressed that salary line for our highway wages line.

10:28 - 10:39

Town Hall

I just wanted to ask if while we're on highway wages you guys are actively seeking someone to fill that position and you feel pretty confident that you'll find somebody?

10:40 - 10:45

Town Hall

Yep, I'm working on it.

10:48 - 10:52

Town Hall

I think we have to at least assume and budget for it even if we don't spend it.

10:54 - 10:56

Town Hall

Just burned by police for a while there.

10:56 - 11:25

Town Hall

The other benefit to me, well, we are actively looking and I am not speaking with candidates currently, is it also gives us the room to advertise come wintertime if we don't have that position built for also a position of part-time for someone to come

drive a town I can follow roads at a much lower rate than moment-pain contractors.

11:28 - 11:32

Town Hall

Yeah, there was just a period where we were trying to...

11:35 - 11:35

Town Hall

Yep.

11:38 - 11:39

Town Hall

I guess.

11:43 - 11:48

Town Hall

You know, the other the other big raise is the fuel, which I get it.

11:48 - 12:00

Town Hall

I just don't know whether it makes sense to go up by \$12 ,000 or whatever it is, or to wait till the fall.

12:01 - 12:11

Town Hall

I feel like we just had this last time we had this conversation, and Joe, you were kind of arguing for holding off, but I don't know what the right thing to do is.

12:12 - 12:21

Town Hall

So for another reason of more fuel and how we've tracked the information of where the been spent.

12:22 - 12:27

Town Hall

This year, comparing to a previous year, is a lot of the fuel was used.

12:27 - 12:34

Town Hall

We did have a much harsher winter than we've had in the past, so that uses an extra amount.

12:34 - 13:16

Town Hall

And then having more employees than we've had in a couple of the recent past years, more work was getting done throughout the summer, to where we used a lot more fuel in the equipment mowing and maintaining growthsides and that's expected to continue so and and last meeting we were approved for the \$7 ,000 to go into our fuel account and if we had not done that we would be at a thousand dollars in our account for the rest of the year so the.

13:18 - 13:25

Town Hall

One line we're allowed to overspend is is the winter highway maintenance is that right Joe that's the only line.

13:25 - 13:27

JOE BOUDREAU

Yeah all of them added.

13:27 - 13:31

Town Hall

Together does that include the overtime wages or just.

13:31 - 13:35

JOE BOUDREAU

All all of the winter.

13:35 - 13:36

JOE BOUDREAU

Accounts.

13:38 - 13:39

Town Hall

Is.

13:41 - 13:54

Town Hall

It would be harder to track, but.

13:55 - 13:56

Town Hall

He's not answering that one.

13:57 - 13:59

Town Hall

It's easier, you can overspend.

14:03 - 14:03

Town Hall

Okay.

14:05 - 14:09

Town Hall

Anybody else have anything they want to ask about or discuss?

14:10 - 14:11

Town Hall

I don't think so.

14:11 - 14:11

Town Hall

Highway?

14:14 - 14:16

Town Hall

Okay, that was easy.

14:18 - 14:24

Town Hall

So I'm not sure exactly if this is the place or if it's going to be coming up.

14:24 - 14:36

Town Hall

There's two other things that I'm working on to clean things up at the highway garage, which are safety concerns and ultimately save money in the long run.

14:36 - 14:46

Town Hall

And how products have been being purchased to then purchase them by a larger quantity at a much lower cost, and...

14:47 - 14:48

Town Hall

The Costco effect.

14:48 - 14:49

Town Hall

Yes.

14:49 - 15:02

Town Hall

And for that would be the example of buying death by bulk instead of by 55 gallon drum and I have What I'm sorry by bolt by what?

15:02 - 15:10

Town Hall

330 diesel gallons diesel diesel emission fluid, okay and it most people.

15:13 - 15:19

Town Hall

We've been currently purchasing it by 55 gallon drums which is approximately \$3.50 to \$4.00 a gallon.

15:20 - 15:29

Town Hall

And with the research I've done and being able to buy it by a much higher quantity,

we can reduce that cost to \$2.26 a gallon.

15:30 - 15:42

Town Hall

And in order to implicate, to be able to purchase DEF at that lower cost would be the Tote system and pump to be able to.

15:45 - 16:15

Town Hall

Have that dispense it and in order to use it in a tank yes it's like it's a large plastic tank with a metal cage and people use them for SAP and it's an average ABC tote I believe it's called container so it would clean up our tool room and we're limited on space and our conditions at the highway garage which led to further conversation and how we can clean up and utilize the space that we have.

16:16 - 16:30

Town Hall

I had gotten another quote on a system to where we wouldn't have a pile of 55 gallon drums with all different pumps and containers everywhere making a mess of our tool room.

16:30 - 16:39

Town Hall

It would be a system to combine it all so we can make more room.

16:43 - 17:00

Town Hall

And accommodate being able to buy death at a lower cost and clean up our tool room and all these are things that are things that can be brought into a.

17:02 - 17:13

Town Hall

All of these things can be used and brought into a new highway garage, updated highway garage.

17:13 - 17:17

Town Hall

They're all going to be long-term investments.

17:18 - 17:20

Town Hall

So these are capital expenses, obviously.

17:21 - 17:22

Town Hall

So you have numbers for those?

17:23 - 17:34

Town Hall

So for the oil system, which would require a pump, the quote I have for that is, making sure I have the right.

17:37 - 17:59

Town Hall

\$5 ,000 or \$5 ,027.41 and then the DEF system is \$2 ,263.50.

17:59 - 18:01

Town Hall

Which you make up on in your first order.

18:01 - 18:06

Town Hall

We'll make up on in a year of death.

18:06 - 18:07

Town Hall

Well, they both pay for themselves.

18:08 - 18:17

Town Hall

So the oil system is not entirely a money saving effect as the death is.

18:18 - 18:25

Town Hall

It's we're limited on space and cleaning up what we have to have less of a mess

moving forward.

18:26 - 18:52

Town Hall

It also, one of the highest costs of this, The oil system is a pump that would be required to pump the oil into these containers, which is \$1 ,416.49 We have currently a pump, but it's currently a major ultra violation that should have been thrown out the door years ago But it's all we have and all that's been at the highway garage.

18:52 - 18:56

Town Hall

So this is getting rid of So that's part of the 5 ,000.

18:56 - 18:59

Town Hall

Yes What's the other number again?

19:01 - 19:02

Town Hall

263.50.

19:02 - 19:03

Town Hall

263.50, thank you.

19:03 - 19:05

Town Hall

But that doesn't include a pump?

19:05 - 19:07

Town Hall

No, no, the 5 ,000 includes a pump.

19:08 - 19:15

Town Hall

Yes, the other one is a different setup for DEF, because DEF and oil can't be

combined.

19:18 - 19:19

Town Hall

So you would need to buy both?

19:20 - 19:20

Town Hall

Yes.

19:20 - 19:41

Town Hall

So the 2200 is this tank system with a pump for this tank in the hose rail to be able to supply the depth to the equipment and then the other system is this tank system for motor oil, hydraulic fluid.

19:41 - 19:49

Town Hall

Those oils and products that we use that would require a pump like this which would replace the hazard that we currently have.

19:50 - 19:55

Town Hall

And so does that, do you buy 15-gallon drums and it does transfer pump to pump storage?

19:55 - 20:00

Town Hall

Yes that's basically what it is and it gives us the opportunity.

20:03 - 20:10

Town Hall

To so currently we get a 55 gallon drum of oil we use up the drum and then we have to dispose with the drum.

20:11 - 20:20

Town Hall

The company that supplies us with the oil they bring us the barrel that gets

transferred immediately into this container and they take away the drum.

20:22 - 20:24

Town Hall

And what are the Those will fix for a drum.

20:25 - 20:26

Town Hall

So they reuse them?

20:26 - 20:27

Town Hall

No.

20:27 - 20:32

Town Hall

The whole thing is we have to clean them out, crush them, and put them in the metal dumpster.

20:34 - 20:34

Town Hall

So it's time.

20:34 - 20:35

Town Hall

What fun is that?

20:35 - 20:36

Town Hall

Yes.

20:36 - 20:40

Town Hall

When it can be reused and that's not wasted.

20:42 - 20:44

Town Hall

So are those your only capital?

20:45 - 20:48

Town Hall

I see a job, is those your only capital expense requests?

20:48 - 20:49

Town Hall

In addition to last week, yeah.

20:49 - 21:01

Town Hall

In addition to the tractor and the welder and do you have prices for those i do yeah yes okay joe go ahead.

21:01 - 21:21

JOE BOUDREAU

Will you revise the final budget request form for the highway can you put them on there and you can see right now it says add welder and tractor can you set them separate them on different lines and put the amounts for them because we're going to need to know what to.

21:21 - 21:21

Town Hall

Appropriate.

21:23 - 21:34

Town Hall

And I'm going to ask that you give me a copy of the paperwork that explains what they are because I have to write up an article and I want be telling the truth.

21:36 - 22:02

Town Hall

This will save \$2 a gallon on the diesel exhaust fluid and then the other system gives us it cleans up the mess and problem that we currently have and this clean nice setup can be easily transferred to any other situation that we need.

22:02 - 22:04

Town Hall

How many gallons of depth do you use a year?

22:05 - 22:13

Town Hall

So on average we've been using I believe what I saw and looked up was about 300 gallons.

22:14 - 22:14

Town Hall

Okay.

22:15 - 22:16

Town Hall

Which is a bulk too.

22:16 - 22:27

Town Hall

Yes and talking with the salesmen from different companies that sell the depth is the standard practice.

22:27 - 22:37

Town Hall

It doesn't have, that does have a shelf life, but the amount that we use and other towns use, it won't be an issue, it won't be an issue.

22:39 - 22:40

Town Hall

What the **** is it for?

22:40 - 22:41

Town Hall

It's an additive?

22:41 - 22:42

Town Hall

Is it a fuel additive?

22:42 - 22:57

Town Hall

So it's extra fluid with emissions that is required to be in all new diesel equipment above a certain horsepower where all three of our CDL trucks require this fluid.

22:58 - 23:02

Town Hall

Our loader backhoe also require this fluid.

23:03 - 23:05

Town Hall

So this goes in a separate tank.

23:05 - 23:05

Town Hall

It doesn't get mixed with the fuel tank.

23:05 - 23:07

Town Hall

It's a separate tank next to the fuel tank.

23:07 - 23:11

Town Hall

It's for burning off the buildup in the exhaust system.

23:11 - 23:12

Town Hall

Got it, OK.

23:13 - 23:13

Town Hall

Environmentally.

23:13 - 23:15

Town Hall

We can all breathe easier.

23:15 - 23:15

Town Hall

Yes.

23:18 - 23:20

Town Hall

Look at you nailing that right off the wall.

23:21 - 23:22

Town Hall

No, I like certain parts of this.

23:22 - 23:26

Town Hall

I like the oil storage system from a couple of points of view.

23:26 - 23:29

Town Hall

One, that you bring it in and you get rid of the barrel right away.

23:29 - 23:37

Town Hall

Because at the point where we are prepared to do something about the highway building, we're going to have to deal with all barrels that are there.

23:37 - 23:41

Town Hall

So if we can start eliminating them, that actually is a plus.

23:41 - 23:51

Town Hall

And where the conversation of me being introduced to this system was talking about how.

23:53 - 24:01

Town Hall

There's state regulations out there on spillage of containers and what needs to be

present.

24:02 - 24:05

Town Hall

For new oil, it's not considered a hazardous material.

24:06 - 24:31

Town Hall

Where waste oil, it's a hazardous material and it needs to be up on a containment system where it spills it needs to be able to hold the capacity of it which is included in this with the system and the quote that I got to manage that because currently if a drum leaks or if we got more waste oil other than the tank that's with the furnace it's a hazard.

24:33 - 24:35

Town Hall

So this system includes Yes.

24:35 - 24:36

Town Hall

Nice.

24:36 - 24:38

Town Hall

And would you put waste oil in it as a storage thing?

24:38 - 24:39

Town Hall

No.

24:40 - 24:40

Town Hall

Okay.

24:40 - 24:59

Town Hall

If we were to collect waste oil, we would have to invest more into a containment system for it, which we could – or we've never had the containment system

appropriate at the highway garage, and it's not currently an issue because we don't have any oil for it.

24:59 - 25:16

Town Hall

To what we do for oil changes and moving fluid the oil tank that we have attached our waste furnace meets the capacity of working And there's a pan underneath the ticket when it leaves.

25:17 - 25:19

Town Hall

It's just like layers of an onion.

25:20 - 25:21

Town Hall

Yeah.

25:23 - 25:24

Town Hall

Okay, anything else?

25:28 - 25:29

Town Hall

All right, can we move on?

25:30 - 25:30

Town Hall

Yeah, school.

25:35 - 25:37

Town Hall

That's the big one.

25:37 - 25:43

Town Hall

So, um, Joe, you requested that we revisit the school budget?

25:43 - 25:50

Town Hall

I know they did submit their revised and approved budget since we originally talked about it.

25:50 - 25:53

Town Hall

So is there something in particular you wanted to discuss?

25:53 - 25:53

JOE BOUDREAU

Yes.

25:54 - 25:57

JOE BOUDREAU

And I have talked to both Gretchen and Allison about it.

25:57 - 26:00

JOE BOUDREAU

Basically, we.

26:00 - 26:00

Town Hall

Asked.

26:01 - 26:02

JOE BOUDREAU

Could they reduce the.

26:02 - 26:07

JOE BOUDREAU

Impact on taxation by blocking how.

26:07 - 26:08

Town Hall

They fund.

26:08 - 26:10

JOE BOUDREAU

Certain items in their.

26:10 - 26:12

JOE BOUDREAU

Budget and in.

26:12 - 26:13

Town Hall

Front of.

26:13 - 26:13

JOE BOUDREAU

The funding.

26:13 - 26:15

Town Hall

From either.

26:15 - 26:21

JOE BOUDREAU

The school choice revolving fund or.

26:21 - 26:22

Town Hall

The school choice.

26:24 - 26:25

JOE BOUDREAU

Fund.

26:25 - 26:26

Town Hall

That.

26:26 - 26:28

JOE BOUDREAU

They set up with beds.

26:28 - 26:29

Town Hall

And.

26:29 - 26:31

JOE BOUDREAU

I'll let Allison.

26:31 - 26:32

Town Hall

Speak.

26:32 - 26:33

JOE BOUDREAU

For.

26:33 - 26:33

Town Hall

That.

26:34 - 26:37

JOE BOUDREAU

But in the conversations, they'll be willing to do.

26:37 - 26:38

JOE BOUDREAU

That.

26:40 - 26:43

Town Hall

I guess I didn't quite follow it, so yeah, if you can explain, that'd be great.

26:46 - 26:47

Alison Todd

I have a question.

26:48 - 26:49

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Hi, everybody.

26:50 - 26:55

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So yeah, we spoke the other day, and I spoke with Joe and Allison.

26:55 - 26:56

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Obviously we need.

26:56 - 26:57

Town Hall

To bring.

26:57 - 26:57

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

This.

26:57 - 26:58

Town Hall

To.

26:58 - 26:59

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Our committee.

27:01 - 27:04

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Hey folks, there's like a ton of paper noise in the background.

27:04 - 27:05

Town Hall

Just so.

27:05 - 27:06

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

You know, or there was.

27:07 - 27:07

Town Hall

Oh.

27:07 - 27:08

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

It's quiet now.

27:10 - 27:12

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So we had.

27:12 - 27:13

Town Hall

Discussed.

27:13 - 27:14

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Using the.

27:14 - 27:15

Town Hall

Special.

27:15 - 27:25

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Education revolving fund, which we have approximately 190 ,000 at the end of this.

27:25 - 27:26

Town Hall

Year.

27:26 - 27:27

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

And that revolving fund.

27:28 - 27:30

Town Hall

So Joe.

27:30 - 27:36

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

And I spoke about using some of that to offset the costs for the new.

27:36 - 27:49

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

In-district special program that we're gonna be implementing actually within this month and then using that money to offset the next fiscal budget.

27:50 - 27:50

Town Hall

But.

27:50 - 27:59

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Obviously this is a discussion that we need to have with the school committee, which we have our meeting next Thursday and discuss using the additional revenue.

28:01 - 28:05

Town Hall

So there's no new numbers yet, correct?

28:05 - 28:06

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

No new numbers yet.

28:07 - 28:08

Town Hall

Okay.

28:10 - 28:17

Town Hall

So can you just, from my edification, at least tell me what lines we're talking about that would be potentially changed?

28:20 - 28:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So I would, you.

28:22 - 28:22

Town Hall

Know.

28:22 - 28:29

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

With school committee's approval, we'd be looking at adding additional revenue to line.

28:31 - 28:33

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

51.

28:34 - 28:35

Town Hall

The out.

28:35 - 28:36

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Of district, which is now.

28:36 - 28:39

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Changed names to an.

28:39 - 28:40

Town Hall

In-district.

28:40 - 28:41

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Program.

28:43 - 28:56

Alison Todd

Actually, Gretchen, in the budget that we, the final budget, we took the line 51 is zero for next year and it's line 55, the Acres of Opportunity.

28:56 - 28:57

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Okay, yeah, I.

28:57 - 28:58

Town Hall

Don't.

28:58 - 29:00

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Have that in front of me right now.

29:00 - 29:02

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

But yes, the new in-district.

29:02 - 29:02

Town Hall

Line.

29:03 - 29:03

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Thank you, Alison.

29:03 - 29:07

JOE BOUDREAU

Which is called Acres of Opportunity, is that?

29:09 - 29:16

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

It's a Acres of Opportunity, kind of a spin from our Russell H.

29:16 - 29:18

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Conwell, who wrote Acres of Diamonds.

29:19 - 29:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So we're trying to kind of bring a historical.

29:22 - 29:23

Town Hall

Connection.

29:23 - 29:24

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

For that line.

29:25 - 29:29

JOE BOUDREAU

Yeah, I was trying to figure out where the name come from.

29:29 - 29:29

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Thanks.

29:29 - 29:30

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yeah, you're.

29:30 - 29:30

Town Hall

Welcome.

29:30 - 29:32

Town Hall

Yeah, that was right.

29:33 - 29:33

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yes.

29:34 - 29:35

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

No acres of diamonds.

29:36 - 29:42

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So you know, so many of the districts in the area that have in district programming have creative naming.

29:43 - 29:45

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So obviously, they're not identifying.

29:45 - 29:46

Town Hall

Specific.

29:46 - 29:49

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Students that are attached to a program.

29:53 - 29:54

Town Hall

All right.

29:54 - 29:55

Town Hall

We'll have a good euphemism.

29:56 - 30:04

Alison Todd

So we will be talking with the school committee about this, and we can get back to you on April.

30:04 - 30:09

Alison Todd

2nd after our budget hearing and our meeting, which follows the budget hearing.

30:09 - 30:10

Town Hall

One.

30:10 - 30:15

Alison Todd

Thing I'm sure that other committee members will ask is what is the current shortfall?

30:20 - 30:26

Town Hall

I think we're we're pretty closely in agreement.

30:26 - 30:28

Town Hall

Joe, what's what's the current number.

30:28 - 30:29

JOE BOUDREAU

You.

30:29 - 30:30

Town Hall

Have?

30:31 - 30:32

JOE BOUDREAU

It's still a movement target.

30:32 - 30:35

JOE BOUDREAU

I think we all agree that currently.

30:35 - 30:53

Town Hall

It's named 83006 and either 0.9 or a slight change difference.

30:54 - 30:56

JOE BOUDREAU

So basically, 83 ,006.

30:56 - 31:02

JOE BOUDREAU

We have to add the new numbers that came from Kirsten for health insurance, which is.

31:02 - 31:04

Town Hall

Another 40-some-a-thousand.

31:04 - 31:06

Town Hall

Right, we don't have that in there here.

31:06 - 31:10

Town Hall

And we just added about 6 ,000 to the highway budget.

31:11 - 31:11

Town Hall

Yeah.

31:17 - 31:20

Town Hall

We could answer it better tomorrow, the day after.

31:20 - 31:21

Town Hall

I was going to say.

31:22 - 31:26

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

If we could have those numbers before Thursday, that would be terrific.

31:26 - 31:35

JOE BOUDREAU

That should happen, Lisa, keep in mind, it's still a moving target and unfortunately it's not going in the right direction, but we can give it.

31:35 - 31:35

Alison Todd

To them.

31:35 - 31:37

Town Hall

At the.

31:37 - 31:38

JOE BOUDREAU

End of this week.

31:40 - 31:48

Town Hall

We are working on another budget item that is likely to change and go up, so I can't go into too much detail yet.

31:48 - 31:51

Alison Todd

Okay, sounds good.

31:51 - 31:57

Alison Todd

And we, like Gretchen said, we have 190 in that reserve fund.

31:57 - 32:00

Alison Todd

The purpose of the reserve fund is to.

32:00 - 32:04

Alison Todd

Provide for unanticipated special education costs within a school year.

32:05 - 32:06

Alison Todd

So we don't want to deplete.

32:06 - 32:08

Town Hall

That completely, but.

32:08 - 32:10

Alison Todd

We will talk about a number.

32:10 - 32:12

Town Hall

That we can.

32:12 - 32:17

Alison Todd

Leads to offset line 55 while still leaving us.

32:17 - 32:18

Town Hall

Some.

32:18 - 32:21

Town Hall

Resources for.

32:21 - 32:22

Alison Todd

Unanticipated.

32:22 - 32:22

Town Hall

Expenses.

32:24 - 32:24

JOE BOUDREAU

And you're talking.

32:24 - 32:34

JOE BOUDREAU

About the reserve fund for SPED, but you also have the regular school choice, which will still be coming in every year and.

32:34 - 32:34

Town Hall

Adding.

32:34 - 32:35

Town Hall

To that, correct?

32:37 - 32:39

Alison Todd

Every year, the.

32:39 - 32:40

Town Hall

School choice money that.

32:40 - 32:42

Alison Todd

We take in, we.

32:42 - 32:42

Town Hall

Keep.

32:42 - 32:47

Alison Todd

Two-thirds of it in the school choice account, and that we almost always.

32:47 - 32:48

Town Hall

Use.

32:48 - 32:51

Alison Todd

Most of it to offset our budget for that year.

32:51 - 32:55

Alison Todd

And one-third goes into the reserve fund for special education costs.

32:57 - 32:57

JOE BOUDREAU

But.

32:57 - 32:58

Alison Todd

I'm just.

32:58 - 33:02

JOE BOUDREAU

Saying that it's still going to get replaced by money coming in that school school.

33:02 - 33:02

JOE BOUDREAU

Year.

33:03 - 33:03

JOE BOUDREAU

Yes.

33:03 - 33:04

Alison Todd

So.

33:04 - 33:09

JOE BOUDREAU

I understand circuit breaker is also available, but that.

33:09 - 33:09

Town Hall

Might.

33:09 - 33:12

JOE BOUDREAU

Be appropriate for it.

33:12 - 33:17

JOE BOUDREAU

But again, what happens on the state level with circuit breaker might also be helpful during.

33:17 - 33:18

Alison Todd

The year.

33:18 - 33:18

Alison Todd

Right.

33:19 - 33:19

Town Hall

Yes.

33:20 - 33:20

Alison Todd

Yeah.

33:20 - 33:30

Alison Todd

If we, let's say if we have 11 school choice students next year, That would be \$55,000 in revenue.

33:31 - 33:38

Alison Todd

One third of that would go to replenishing this reserve fund, so a little less than \$20,000.

33:44 - 33:47

Alison Todd

We'll get back to you next Thursday.

33:50 - 33:53

Alison Todd

We definitely want to do what we can to.

33:53 - 33:54

Town Hall

Help.

33:54 - 33:56

Alison Todd

Close that gap.

33:58 - 33:59

Town Hall

Thank you.

34:00 - 34:09

Town Hall

While we are talking about this acres of opportunity, can you guys speak a little bit, I mean obviously you don't know, but I'm curious what the future is.

34:09 - 34:27

Town Hall

If that 168 is, if we should be thinking of it like, you know, conventional out-of-district costs where it's here this year but next year it could be something totally different, or are you imagining it being a more predictable cost or not?

34:27 - 34:28

Alison Todd

That's a good question.

34:29 - 34:32

Alison Todd

The the consultant fee will go down.

34:33 - 34:35

Alison Todd

It's a three-year consultancy.

34:36 - 34:39

Alison Todd

This next year it's going to be 90 ,000.

34:39 - 34:46

Alison Todd

The year after that, I can't remember the figures, but year four it will be zero.

34:47 - 34:52

Alison Todd

And then the staffing costs will depend on the number of students we And.

34:52 - 35:01

Town Hall

So when you say this next is that 90 is that 90 of the hundred and 90 ,000 of the 168 ,000 is the.

35:01 - 35:02

Alison Todd

Consultant.

35:02 - 35:02

Alison Todd

Fee.

35:02 - 35:06

Alison Todd

Yes, they're helping us build this program.

35:06 - 35:11

Alison Todd

They're training our staff, but they don't want to be a permanent presence at Conwell.

35:11 - 35:13

Alison Todd

They want to set us up and.

35:13 - 35:13

Alison Todd

Leave.

35:15 - 35:24

Town Hall

Okay, so there's sort of \$80 ,000 of staff expenses there that may continue but may

go up and down based on the number of students.

35:24 - 35:25

Town Hall

Right.

35:26 - 35:40

Alison Todd

Also, the idea that year three probably we would be open to receive tuition in students from other districts to this program, so that would also help offset the cost.

35:41 - 35:48

Town Hall

And those tuition in, can you, do you just charge the cost of that kid?

35:48 - 35:52

Town Hall

So let's say they, they require you to hire somebody new at 30 ,000 a year.

35:52 - 35:58

Town Hall

Is that, do you just charge that or, or can you make, make a profit, so to speak?

36:00 - 36:01

Town Hall

Does that make sense?

36:01 - 36:06

Alison Todd

That question, because I don't know how the, those, how the sausage gets.

36:06 - 36:07

Town Hall

Made.

36:08 - 36:12

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So I believe, Bart, you can kind of name your price.

36:12 - 36:27

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Obviously, you have the programmatic fees, which would include, you know, OT-PT speech, which are like standard contractual fees, but then you can kind of create your house tuition.

36:27 - 36:28

Town Hall

Number.

36:29 - 36:48

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

You know, I mean, when you look at the tuitions around, you know, the valley and hill towns that, you know, we've looked at, one of them in Pittsfield that we're paying for is, we just got the tuition for next year is \$206 ,000 for one student.

36:50 - 37:01

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

And so we were floored when we got that final tuition number and thankful that we're looking to bring that student back.

37:02 - 37:05

Town Hall

And that doesn't even count transportation, right?

37:05 - 37:07

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

That does not include transportation.

37:07 - 37:08

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

That is just the program.

37:11 - 37:17

Town Hall

So there is real potential of bringing kids in, helping to defray the cost of kids in the

town.

37:17 - 37:18

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Absolutely.

37:18 - 37:33

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I mean, obviously it's, you know, there's such variety, but we're certainly working with an excellent consultant and our sped director, both of them have decades of experience in building programs.

37:34 - 37:34

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So.

37:34 - 37:35

Town Hall

We're.

37:35 - 37:42

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Certainly, we'll be looking to the future and how can we continue to create capacity and have it be sustainable.

37:43 - 37:44

Town Hall

Great.

37:45 - 37:46

Town Hall

Thank you.

37:46 - 37:47

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

You're welcome.

37:53 - 37:54

Town Hall

Anybody else?

38:01 - 38:01

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Thank you.

38:01 - 38:03

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Good evening everybody.

38:03 - 38:03

JOE BOUDREAU

Good.

38:03 - 38:04

Alison Todd

Morning to you.

38:05 - 38:07

Town Hall

Sure, we'll be back in touch.

38:08 - 38:09

Town Hall

Yep, good night.

38:09 - 38:10

Alison Todd

So.

38:10 - 38:15

Town Hall

We have an other budget items catch all on the agenda.

38:18 - 38:18

Town Hall

Mike's here.

38:18 - 38:21

Town Hall

I don't know if there are issues we need to discuss with your budget.

38:21 - 38:23

Town Hall

I just have a couple of basic questions.

38:24 - 38:27

Town Hall

How late is late for updates?

38:27 - 38:30

Town Hall

Cause I'm still working with certain items.

38:30 - 38:31

Town Hall

I'm not sure I'm going to get them.

38:31 - 38:33

Town Hall

To your operating budget or to your capital?

38:33 - 38:34

Town Hall

Capital stuff.

38:35 - 38:37

Town Hall

It has to be posted a week before the town meeting.

38:38 - 38:43

Town Hall

Right, but I'm sure it's got to get through some kind of period of session.

38:43 - 38:43

Town Hall

Yeah, yeah.

38:44 - 38:47

Town Hall

So the select board will meet the week before.

38:49 - 38:50

Town Hall

I guess I'm looking for a target date.

38:50 - 38:54

Town Hall

And the finance committee to approve the warrant.

38:55 - 38:57

Town Hall

Is it only a week or is it ten days?

38:57 - 38:58

Town Hall

It has to be.

38:58 - 39:01

Town Hall

It's two weeks of special time meeting and the committee gives the week.

39:01 - 39:02

Town Hall

So I don't have time.

39:02 - 39:22

Town Hall

The reason I'm asking, I'm trying to chase down the driveway project again, but I need to kind of reconnect with the Conservation Commission and I started having those discussions about where the line is on the left-hand side of the parking lot there, right, to make sure I got an up-to-date request for those down there.

39:23 - 39:23

Town Hall

That's one.

39:24 - 39:33

Town Hall

The roofing thing, I haven't had a chance to get any contractor in there to look at where the roof is currently set up.

39:33 - 39:42

Town Hall

And I'm trying to figure out how much time I've got, and if it's even workable to get quotes in by the time whatever this deadline is.

39:42 - 39:46

Town Hall

So April 28th would, is it the first Saturday?

39:47 - 39:53

Town Hall

So it's May 2nd, so it would be the 21st of April would be our meeting to approve the warrant.

39:54 - 39:58

Town Hall

And that's enough time to get whatever warrant or goals we want to help you out with.

39:58 - 40:03

Town Hall

Yeah, and then I mean that only gives Peggy a good day to actually.

40:07 - 40:08

Town Hall

Yeah.

40:12 - 40:33

Town Hall

So yeah, they give me a few days and then yeah, it has to be approved in and signed
So there's a there's some so ideally, you know, we really ought to have the Friday the
Friday before that so we can have Yeah, so it can be with the 17th, because it has to
be approved.

40:34 - 40:35

Town Hall

It has to be on the agenda.

40:38 - 40:39

Town Hall

So 17th would be a drop dead.

40:41 - 40:43

Town Hall

Drop dead on the 17th, Mike D 'Andrieu.

40:46 - 40:48

Town Hall

Well you can always aim high.

40:49 - 40:54

Town Hall

You know, if it's a capital expense, you just go as high as it could possibly be.

40:54 - 41:00

Town Hall

Right, but even in terms of just getting quotes, in that kind of time, it is a little bit.

41:00 - 41:03

Town Hall

I'm out on vacation for nine days.

41:04 - 41:05

Town Hall

Yeah, you're probably pushing it.

41:06 - 41:09

Town Hall

Alright, that's why God made special town meetings.

41:13 - 41:14

Town Hall

Yeah, special town meetings.

41:14 - 41:16

Town Hall

Right, we can always do that.

41:16 - 41:21

Town Hall

You could do the research over the summer and blah, blah, blah.

41:21 - 41:24

Town Hall

Or kind of a related question.

41:25 - 41:28

Town Hall

Could the heating fuel tank be movable?

41:28 - 41:28

Town Hall

Yeah.

41:29 - 41:30

Town Hall

Is that one moving?

41:30 - 41:31

Town Hall

No, it isn't moving.

41:34 - 41:36

Town Hall

And I'm not even looking at it right now.

41:37 - 41:39

Town Hall

It's a trick for that one.

41:39 - 41:40

Town Hall

No time.

41:42 - 41:42

Town Hall

So, no.

41:43 - 41:45

Town Hall

But it does need to be done.

41:45 - 41:46

Town Hall

So we'll see what we can do.

41:47 - 41:58

Town Hall

I reached out today for stuff If they didn't hear back and that was as far as I went with it I do have the names of the people that you gave me the fire marshal and all

that kind of stuff But yeah, no, I don't have time for area.

42:00 - 42:15

Town Hall

Yeah, that's a good summer project yeah Yeah, I want to ditch Kind of switching tracks those are capital items, but if I want to adjust operating budget items Is it the same kind of deadline, or sooner?

42:17 - 42:23

Town Hall

Well, ideally, we get a chance to talk about it, so a little sooner would be better.

42:25 - 42:26

Town Hall

Well, I mean, I can give you a heads up.

42:27 - 42:35

Town Hall

I'm thinking the fuel costs, we've come under our fuel budget the last year or two, and we can just offset other things.

42:36 - 42:39

Town Hall

I'm not sure our fuel budget's going to run out the same way.

42:39 - 42:45

Town Hall

We haven't seen a fuel delivery yet with the increased fuel prices.

42:46 - 42:48

Town Hall

I mean, I'm assuming it's going to happen.

42:48 - 42:50

Town Hall

That's one item I was thinking of.

42:51 - 42:52

Town Hall

And I'm still trying to...

42:52 - 43:13

Town Hall

I'm going through the operating expenses for the last two or three years, but the data I have so far is all of those costs are going up for our annual certifications a CBA testing, cascade system testing, generator servicing and testing.

43:14 - 43:18

Town Hall

Certifications on the ladder trunk, all the rest of it, they're all gone.

43:18 - 43:21

Town Hall

I just haven't had a chance to figure out what that percentage is.

43:21 - 43:24

Town Hall

Yeah, the percentage and then just add it back.

43:24 - 43:37

Town Hall

But that's where I'm heading with my operating room because I just, the last year or two I've had no real maneuvering room to do anything and ad hoc, it's always paying the bills that are absolutely required.

43:39 - 43:49

Town Hall

And I don't want to be running out of money for the important bills, but I also want to be able to have a little bit of margin to do some other little projects within the station.

43:51 - 44:00

Town Hall

Some of the things I'm looking into just to kind of keep you informed right is a multi-

year contract for servicing our cascade systems and so forth.

44:00 - 44:10

Town Hall

If they gave me quotes for like a three-year contract and a five-year contract There's a slight savings there like a 10% reduction.

44:10 - 44:20

Town Hall

I started a three-year contract or 20% reduction for a five-year contract Do you just one second Joe went on three-year contracts?

44:22 - 44:29

Town Hall

Did do we say three-year contract would be town has the option to what's the rule on contracts?

44:30 - 44:34

JOE BOUDREAU

If you're talking about, are you talking about procurement?

44:36 - 44:37

JOE BOUDREAU

Yeah.

44:38 - 44:40

JOE BOUDREAU

I get to defer to the Chief Procurement Officer.

44:40 - 44:41

JOE BOUDREAU

Who might that be?

44:43 - 44:49

Town Hall

We don't really have, well, that would be the separate, I'm the one who does most of the procurement, but we don't often have, we.

44:49 - 44:50

JOE BOUDREAU

Don't often.

44:50 - 44:51

Town Hall

Have, most of the years.

44:52 - 44:56

Town Hall

But to clarify, it's not outright purchases, it's services.

44:57 - 44:58

Town Hall

Yeah, it doesn't matter.

44:58 - 45:01

Town Hall

I think it's contract three years is the max, isn't it?

45:04 - 45:11

JOE BOUDREAU

Oh, I believe it's the max, but I've long since forgot my training on procurement, so I didn't know.

45:11 - 45:11

JOE BOUDREAU

Okay.

45:11 - 45:12

Town Hall

I can find that out.

45:12 - 45:13

JOE BOUDREAU

I'm.

45:13 - 45:15

Town Hall

Pretty sure we can't sign more than a three-year contract.

45:17 - 45:19

Town Hall

Well, is it like a lease kind of thing?

45:19 - 45:20

Town Hall

Is that what it is?

45:20 - 45:21

Town Hall

No, it's services.

45:21 - 45:23

Town Hall

It's not the services, I think.

45:23 - 45:23

Town Hall

It's a lease.

45:24 - 45:30

JOE BOUDREAU

Well, sometimes certain contracts had to go to town meeting as well, so.

45:30 - 45:37

JOE BOUDREAU

But let me, let me get back to Mike on if you're going to change the operating budget, you got to do it.

45:37 - 45:40

JOE BOUDREAU

We've already gone over it with with you with you a couple of weeks ago.

45:41 - 45:42

JOE BOUDREAU

So if you're going.

45:42 - 45:43

Town Hall

To change.

45:43 - 45:45

JOE BOUDREAU

Anything in the operating budget, you need to.

45:45 - 45:47

Town Hall

Resubmit.

45:47 - 45:50

JOE BOUDREAU

Budget request form and ASAP.

45:51 - 45:54

JOE BOUDREAU

It's not whether or not it's going to make the posting of it.

45:54 - 45:58

JOE BOUDREAU

We need to, again, review it if there's going to be any major changes.

45:58 - 46:02

JOE BOUDREAU

So this moving target has got to.

46:02 - 46:02

JOE BOUDREAU

Stop.

46:03 - 46:05

JOE BOUDREAU

And it's got to stop as soon as.

46:05 - 46:06

Town Hall

We can.

46:06 - 46:07

JOE BOUDREAU

Make it stop.

46:08 - 46:08

Town Hall

Ok.

46:09 - 46:09

Town Hall

Right.

46:09 - 46:13

Town Hall

If we're going to have a deficit, we need to know what it is so we can decide how we're going to deal with that.

46:14 - 46:15

Town Hall

Fair enough.

46:16 - 46:17

Town Hall

And what there is.

46:17 - 46:19

Town Hall

So we need to know what the number is.

46:19 - 46:20

Town Hall

We know it's going to be one.

46:23 - 46:25

Town Hall

So I think that's what Joe's saying.

46:26 - 46:26

JOE BOUDREAU

Exactly.

46:31 - 46:42

Town Hall

I would just say in years past where we've been in the situation of the fuel price being elevated, we've said, you know, we don't know what the future is.

46:42 - 46:47

Town Hall

So we could budget for \$5, you know, a gallon fuel or whatever.

46:48 - 46:52

Town Hall

But it may be \$3 by December, in which case we over budgeted.

46:52 - 46:58

Town Hall

So the other way to do it is to take a guess and then readdress in the fall.

46:58 - 47:03

Town Hall

If it's not, if it stays five and we're.

47:03 - 47:12

JOE BOUDREAU

Nobody knows what's going to happen in the state of Moos and when it's going to

stop this this war.

47:12 - 47:13

Town Hall

So.

47:13 - 47:17

JOE BOUDREAU

Unless somebody does, call Boston quickly, huh?

47:18 - 47:21

JOE BOUDREAU

So again, your best guess and that's it.

47:21 - 47:26

JOE BOUDREAU

And it's just when it's needed to.

47:26 - 47:26

JOE BOUDREAU

Be.

47:27 - 47:27

Town Hall

Yeah.

47:30 - 48:00

Town Hall

So I have one more, more general question so really just a general question and that can be a separate set of discussions not tied to this budget cycle but I'm curious if there's a possibility for restructuring the fire department budgets for you know fixed kinds of costs like all this equipment maintenance and certifications and and whatnot as one budget item.

48:00 - 48:04

Town Hall

And then I don't know how to necessarily separate it out.

48:04 - 48:11

Town Hall

And then there's all the utility expenses and then there's real operating other types of expenses.

48:14 - 48:20

Town Hall

So, and those are all- If there's a mechanism there that makes it a little bit more manageable.

48:20 - 48:22

Town Hall

So right now those are all in one account.

48:22 - 48:23

Town Hall

Is that what you're saying?

48:23 - 48:26

Town Hall

Those are all- That's all basically in the operating budget.

48:26 - 48:37

Town Hall

So there's no reason you can't work with the accountants to establish But are there are there considerations from you know, the select board of finance committee perspective as to.

48:37 - 48:58

JOE BOUDREAU

How Keep in mind if you get real specific on stuff You're not like a school where you have bottom line authority and you can transfer things from one account to another So if you get real specific on each thing and you're short on one and have money left in the other, you can't move it.

48:58 - 48:59

JOE BOUDREAU

Neither can accounting.

49:00 - 49:05

JOE BOUDREAU

It would have to be at the end of the year an interdepartmental transfer or town meeting.

49:05 - 49:06

Town Hall

So.

49:06 - 49:07

JOE BOUDREAU

If you want.

49:07 - 49:10

Town Hall

To keep these.

49:10 - 49:11

JOE BOUDREAU

Folks the way they.

49:11 - 49:23

JOE BOUDREAU

Are and keep on your own a spreadsheet that breaks them down to help you track it, I think it would be much easier than setting yourself.

49:23 - 49:28

JOE BOUDREAU

Up to have a problem in one and you can't deal with.

49:28 - 49:29

JOE BOUDREAU

It.

49:30 - 49:30

JOE BOUDREAU

Yeah.

49:30 - 49:31

Town Hall

Now.

49:31 - 49:35

JOE BOUDREAU

You have all kinds of stuff being charged to fire.

49:35 - 49:37

Town Hall

Expense and.

49:37 - 49:40

JOE BOUDREAU

That gives you the wiggle room if something goes up or go.

49:40 - 49:41

Town Hall

Down.

49:41 - 49:47

JOE BOUDREAU

But if you get real specific on it, you're gonna mess yourself up.

49:47 - 50:39

Town Hall

Right okay well no that's that's good input Joe I appreciate that and that's kind of where I'm at I'm keeping like five or six different categories on a spreadsheet utilities equipment maintenance and repair vehicle maintenance and repair station equipment and repair fees and dues parts and supplies right so I'm trying to track it internally already and trying to out again going backwards three years with what those trends have been looking like but that's that's a little bit more effort and I'm not quite there yet okay okay that that's helpful and I appreciate that I think that's it for now okay you have some fun budget yeah way too much to do and not have money to do it.

50:42 - 50:47

Town Hall

Okay um is there other budget stuff we want to talk about tonight.

50:50 - 50:51

Town Hall

Joe?

50:52 - 50:54

JOE BOUDREAU

Two things that are still shaded, that.

50:54 - 50:58

Town Hall

Is, um.

50:59 - 50:59

Town Hall

Annual.

50:59 - 50:59

Town Hall

Committee.

50:59 - 51:00

JOE BOUDREAU

For.

51:00 - 51:01

Town Hall

Trends.

51:02 - 51:02

JOE BOUDREAU

It's the.

51:02 - 51:02

Town Hall

One.

51:03 - 51:04

JOE BOUDREAU

65.

51:06 - 51:09

JOE BOUDREAU

We spent this year, basically that's for the.

51:09 - 51:11

Town Hall

Um, annual.

51:11 - 51:12

JOE BOUDREAU

To the finance committee.

51:17 - 51:20

JOE BOUDREAU

It took a took a while for that.

51:22 - 51:24

JOE BOUDREAU

That's the annual that is the annual.

51:24 - 51:28

JOE BOUDREAU

Dues to the finance committee's association.

51:29 - 51:32

Town Hall

So what was it 165 165.

51:33 - 51:37

JOE BOUDREAU

Yeah, and this year that the dues was 150 so.

51:37 - 51:38

JOE BOUDREAU

We could be okay.

51:38 - 51:41

JOE BOUDREAU

I remember a couple of years ago.

51:42 - 51:42

Town Hall

We.

51:42 - 51:43

JOE BOUDREAU

Were short by four.

51:43 - 51:44

Town Hall

Bucks.

51:45 - 51:48

JOE BOUDREAU

So we could pay the.

51:48 - 51:49

JOE BOUDREAU

Dues.

51:53 - 51:53

[speaker unknown]

I.

51:53 - 51:55

Town Hall

Think.

51:55 - 51:59

JOE BOUDREAU

We need to change it, but we just need to confirm that.

52:07 - 52:10

Town Hall

So is that the finance committee expense?

52:10 - 52:16

Town Hall

Yeah, so if we had it at zero, I don't know that's percent change.

52:16 - 52:17

Town Hall

No, you're right.

52:20 - 52:27

Town Hall

Okay And I still have Council on Aging grayed out It's the same as last year.

52:27 - 52:29

Town Hall

I think she level funded it.

52:30 - 52:30

Town Hall

Okay.

52:31 - 52:42

Town Hall

I Think the reason it's grayed out is because I wondered I don't quite get how it's funded All right, Joe do you can you explain how council on aging is funded vis-a-vis

the.

52:45 - 52:51

Town Hall

No, but we get money from All right, and is there also the.

52:55 - 52:59

Town Hall

Obviously that's what this line is but.

53:00 - 53:07

JOE BOUDREAU

Yeah, they excuse me they have another accounts what funds their activity this is what's coming.

53:07 - 53:15

Town Hall

From the transfer okay and we don't have to worry about changing no.

53:15 - 53:17

JOE BOUDREAU

They submitted.

53:17 - 53:19

Town Hall

It yeah.

53:19 - 53:22

JOE BOUDREAU

The only thing else I have is the reserve.

53:22 - 53:23

Town Hall

Fund.

53:23 - 53:25

JOE BOUDREAU

100.

53:27 - 53:35

Town Hall

Years that's what I've got it out.

53:39 - 53:49

Town Hall

This isn't on the agenda, but can I ask just the highway department Are we going to start having conversations about?

53:50 - 53:52

Town Hall

The highway department, I mean the highway.

53:57 - 54:00

Town Hall

At some point in time well Joe has written.

54:03 - 54:05

JOE BOUDREAU

We can not maybe devote.

54:05 - 54:13

JOE BOUDREAU

A kind of most of a meeting To discuss that highway department motion or article once we.

54:13 - 54:14

Town Hall

Get.

54:14 - 54:15

JOE BOUDREAU

This budget.

54:19 - 54:26

Town Hall

So do we want to talk about next meeting then Do we need to meet next week?

54:26 - 54:28

Town Hall

Or do we want to wait till after this?

54:32 - 54:33

Town Hall

I know we have a meeting.

54:40 - 54:42

Town Hall

If you can, you and I talk about that for a while.

54:45 - 54:47

Town Hall

Okay, but what about finance committee?

54:47 - 54:50

Town Hall

Do you guys need to meet next week, do you think?

54:51 - 54:56

Town Hall

Well, if the school's not ready, we'll have planners that go next Thursday for a meeting.

54:57 - 54:58

Town Hall

Might as well wait for the following week.

54:59 - 55:00

Town Hall

Might as well wait for the next week.

55:00 - 55:02

Town Hall

Okay, as far as I'm concerned.

55:03 - 55:05

Town Hall

Okay, that's April 7th.

55:05 - 55:07

Town Hall

Joe, is that good for you?

55:07 - 55:08

JOE BOUDREAU

Wait.

55:08 - 55:09

Town Hall

Until a week Tuesday?

55:09 - 55:09

Town Hall

Okay.

55:09 - 55:12

Town Hall

So that's uh when.

55:14 - 55:16

JOE BOUDREAU

When are you saying we meet next?

55:17 - 55:19

Town Hall

April um seven.

55:21 - 55:22

JOE BOUDREAU

That will be after the school committee.

55:23 - 55:23

Town Hall

So, correct.

55:23 - 55:24

Town Hall

Yep.

55:25 - 55:26

JOE BOUDREAU

Yeah, that's fine.

55:28 - 55:28

Town Hall

Okay.

55:28 - 55:31

Town Hall

So, you want to be after the program, right?

55:32 - 55:33

Town Hall

You're going to be in there.

55:34 - 55:55

Town Hall

Yeah, we're we're All right, can I just ask for clarification of that stack of paper when when the school asked about the \$80 ,000 the Deficit you said something about number additional numbers that I think I heard 40 ,000 But maybe I'm not hearing that right.

55:55 - 55:57

Town Hall

So can you what is this additional?

55:58 - 56:01

Town Hall

Something that you learned today that adds to the deficit.

56:01 - 56:10

Town Hall

So we we up the highway wages a little bit I know about so I'm not sure you said something about 40 something thousand dollars of health insurance.

56:10 - 56:14

Town Hall

Oh, I think he said that yes We have that in the pile.

56:28 - 56:32

Town Hall

Well, where is this I've got the budget open.

56:34 - 56:35

Town Hall

Here.

56:35 - 56:36

Town Hall

Joe, where's health insurance in here?

56:38 - 56:38

Town Hall

I.

56:38 - 56:40

JOE BOUDREAU

Forward it to you guys.

56:40 - 56:42

JOE BOUDREAU

A couple of days.

56:42 - 56:43

Town Hall

Ago.

56:43 - 56:48

Town Hall

No, no, but I'm wondering, what's the number we have in our budget?

56:49 - 56:57

Town Hall

The group insurance is, I don't know, on the first page, it's sheet eight, it's two-thirds of the way down the first page.

57:01 - 57:02

Town Hall

I hate the way this is going.

57:03 - 57:06

Town Hall

It's a count, nine, one, four, five, one, seven.

57:06 - 57:08

Town Hall

I know, it's the numbers that start with it.

57:08 - 57:09

Town Hall

5,170.

57:11 - 57:13

Town Hall

Those are all the height of the insurance ones.

57:15 - 57:16

Town Hall

It's called group health insurance?

57:17 - 57:18

Town Hall

It's group insurance.

57:18 - 57:19

Town Hall

Group number?

57:20 - 57:23

Town Hall

What's on the, what's your request is 399.

57:24 - 57:24

Town Hall

To regroup?

57:26 - 57:26

Town Hall

\$3.00.

57:26 - 57:28

Town Hall

I got it, all right.

57:28 - 57:28

Town Hall

\$3.00.

57:29 - 57:36

Town Hall

Line 116, it's down under unemployment compensation.

57:36 - 57:37

Town Hall

Just before Medicare.

57:39 - 57:45

Town Hall

So \$399 ,210.65 is what we have in.

57:45 - 57:46

Town Hall

What's she asking for?

57:47 - 57:49

Town Hall

\$444 ,01659.

57:49 - 57:51

Town Hall

Am I reading that right?

57:52 - 57:57

Town Hall

Yeah, so it's an increase of about \$45 ,000.

57:58 - 58:18

Town Hall

Okay, so that that's the town's share is that the 452 we ignore I assume since she put the green highlight on the other one maybe joe knows joe which number is it the 444 or the 452 hold it.

58:23 - 58:30

Town Hall

Oh this is last year's number right is what she's doing 452 is last year's 25 26 is green.

58:30 - 58:30

Town Hall

Look.

58:30 - 58:32

JOE BOUDREAU

It's the first column.

58:32 - 58:33

JOE BOUDREAU

It's I like it in.

58:33 - 58:34

Town Hall

Yellow.

58:35 - 58:37

JOE BOUDREAU

The date is 325 2006.

58:38 - 58:46

JOE BOUDREAU

The bottom, the total of that bottom of the page is in green 444-91659.

58:47 - 58:48

Town Hall

01659.

58:48 - 58:48

Town Hall

Okay.

58:50 - 58:52

Town Hall

444-01659 Joe.

58:53 - 58:54

JOE BOUDREAU

I can't.

58:54 - 58:57

Town Hall

Read glasses.

58:57 - 59:00

Town Hall

All right, but it's a \$45 ,000 entry.

59:03 - 59:04

Town Hall

Yeah.

59:05 - 59:06

Town Hall

Yeah.

59:09 - 59:15

JOE BOUDREAU

Can I make another suggestion before you know, maybe this week, even though we're not going to need for two.

59:15 - 59:16

Town Hall

Weeks.

59:16 - 59:23

JOE BOUDREAU

Once the highway sends out, it's revised, and we have this one that we have to put in.

59:23 - 59:26

JOE BOUDREAU

Can we post what we both, what everybody has?

59:27 - 59:33

JOE BOUDREAU

So if we're not in sync, we won't have to, we won't wait until the Tuesday when we meet again.

59:34 - 59:34

Town Hall

Yeah.

59:34 - 59:35

Town Hall

Sure.

59:38 - 59:39

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

59:41 - 59:41

Town Hall

Ready.

59:42 - 59:50

Town Hall

We have a couple other select board items to deal with, if we're done with finances.

59:53 - 59:54

Town Hall

Sounds like we are.

59:54 - 59:55

Town Hall

Okay, moving on.

59:56 - 59:57

Town Hall

Thank you for coming in.

59:58 - 01:00:00

Town Hall

Oh, it's nice to see you.

01:00:00 - 01:00:01

Town Hall

Oh, yeah.

01:00:01 - 01:00:01

Town Hall

See you in the morning.

01:00:03 - 01:00:05

Town Hall

Yeah, nice having everybody in person.

01:00:08 - 01:00:09

Town Hall

You're happy quite here over in the corner.

01:00:09 - 01:00:12

Town Hall

That's my job.

01:00:15 - 01:00:25

Town Hall

All right, so animal inspector nomination papers for approval.

01:00:25 - 01:00:27

Town Hall

Yeah, you just have to make the vote.

01:00:27 - 01:00:29

Town Hall

You don't have to sign anything.

01:00:29 - 01:00:32

Town Hall

So I have a motion to nominate Cynthia.

01:00:33 - 01:00:39

Town Hall

Sure, I move that we nominate Cynthia McGraw for Inspector actually she pronounces it the ball.

01:00:47 - 01:00:59

Town Hall

Is this an Irish thing don't ask I don't don't ask it is all Origin of her last name is a part of the motion.

01:01:07 - 01:01:09

Town Hall

I like it.

01:01:09 - 01:01:12

Town Hall

All right discussion all in favor aye aye.

01:01:12 - 01:01:13

Town Hall

Okay, that's them.

01:01:13 - 01:01:18

Town Hall

And I think it's a letter of support for you to sign, Charlie.

01:01:39 - 01:01:39

Town Hall

Okay.

01:01:42 - 01:01:49

Town Hall

So I think that's it unless somebody has something else then we're gonna go into executive session again know how to have fun.

01:01:49 - 01:01:51

Town Hall

I just want to make sure that we're good on that.

01:01:51 - 01:01:53

Town Hall

On the next week's.

01:01:53 - 01:02:00

Town Hall

So the planning board would like to come to our next meeting on the 31st and we only have the whole hearing down there so far.

01:02:00 - 01:02:02

Town Hall

Well we have an executive session as well.

01:02:02 - 01:02:04

Town Hall

We have an executive session.

01:02:04 - 01:02:06

Town Hall

So when will we do that before?

01:02:06 - 01:02:09

Town Hall

Why don't we do it a little earlier than that?

01:02:09 - 01:02:11

Town Hall

We'll do the same thing, you want to meet at five?

01:02:11 - 01:02:12

Town Hall

Yeah meet at five.

01:02:12 - 01:02:12

Town Hall

Okay.

01:02:12 - 01:02:16

Town Hall

That should give you guys little room for an hour and a half.

01:02:16 - 01:02:16

Town Hall

I hope so.

01:02:18 - 01:02:21

Town Hall

You have my thing on there about open meeting.

01:02:22 - 01:02:26

Town Hall

Oh yeah, that's not my real agenda.

01:02:27 - 01:02:32

Town Hall

Okay, so can I just ask briefly what yours is about?

01:02:34 - 01:02:40

Town Hall

It's the DOER local governmental representative question.

01:02:42 - 01:02:50

Town Hall

I know, I don't remember who I sent what to, but the DOER regulation changes are going to have an impact on the town.

01:02:51 - 01:02:54

Town Hall

In theory there's, if another solar application comes in...

01:02:54 - 01:02:55

Town Hall

You did, it was here.

01:02:55 - 01:02:57

Town Hall

I printed it all up even, but now I don't remember what it was.

01:02:57 - 01:02:59

Town Hall

Okay, I did read that.

01:03:00 - 01:03:13

Town Hall

So we started to kind of talk to people like Dave Christopoulos about maybe a regional solution to this, because small towns don't need to hire a planner, and who would be higher?

01:03:14 - 01:03:15

Town Hall

You, Bart, you love it.

01:03:17 - 01:03:19

Town Hall

Seems like a PVPC thing, too.

01:03:20 - 01:03:21

Town Hall

Yeah, they're harder.

01:03:22 - 01:03:23

Town Hall

It would be great.

01:03:23 - 01:03:30

Town Hall

I think that would totally be in their wheelhouse, but I have not had recent success with them.

01:03:32 - 01:03:33

Town Hall

Well, we could talk about it some time.

01:03:57 - 01:04:00

Town Hall

So I'm adjourning this meeting, we're going to be going in with this meeting, and we're.