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Capital Expenditure Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 15, 2024, 5:30 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Google Meet

Present: Lou Brodeur, Ben Langevin, Matt Allen
Absent: Andrew Dionne, Excused, Al Fitzgerald
Also Present: Austin Tanner, Sandy Brodeur

1. Call to Order: L. Brodeur called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.
2. Take Attendance and Establish Quorum: All members, except A. Dionne and A. Fitzgerald, were present to establish a quorum.
3. Accept and review minutes from 4/4/24 meeting: M. Allen made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of 4/4/24; B. Langevin seconded; and the minutes were approved.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Review the following attached requests:
 - After discussion by the members, the request for \$250,000.00 for a new 6-wheel dump truck from Department of Public Works was granted with a reduction to the original amount of \$50,000.00 for a total amount of \$200,000.00.
 - After discussion by the members, the request for \$7,000.00 for a new fire alarm system at the Department of Public Works from said Department was granted for said amount.
 - After discussion by the members, the request for \$12,000.00 to replace the Parks and Recreation vehicle was denied.
 - After discussion by the members, the request for \$10,000.00 for the installation of a new pad with pergola style roof from Resource Recovery was denied.
 - After discussion by the members, the request for \$78,500.00 for new network infrastructure switches from the Board of Education was granted for said amount.
 - After discussion by the members, the request for \$18,000.00 for a new Freezer/Cooler at the Elementary School from the Board of Education was granted for said amount.
 - After discussion by the members, the request for \$38,250.00 for upgraded trend controls with Siemens from the Board of Education was granted for said amount.
 - After discussion by the members, the request for \$15,000.00 for sidewalks at the rear of the schools from the Board of Education was granted for said amount.
 - After discussion by the members, the request for \$10,000.00 to upgrade telephone system for the Town from the G. Bryant was granted for said amount.
 - After discussion by the members, the request from L. Lindia for \$73,762.00 to digitize records at Land Use and Building Department was granted for said amount.

-After discussion by the members, the request from A. Tanner for \$24,245.00 for new flooring at the Community Center and Health Department of Health was granted for said amount.

-After discussion by the members, the request from Parks and Rec for \$8,500.00 to install fencing at Riverside Park was granted for said amount.

-After discussion by the members, the request from the Board of Education for 3-4 million for the HVAC System for Brooklyn Schools was granted.

L. Brodeur read off all of the capital projects that were removed; stated that the amount for the capital projects approved is \$473,257.00; asked if all agreed with that and with approving the HVAC System at the School; and M. Allen made a motion to move forward with the amount of \$473,257.00 for Capital Projects and also made a motion to move forward with the HVAC Project at the Brooklyn Schools; B. Langevin seconded; and the motion passed.

6. This should be our last meeting unless the Board of Finance wants us to further cut this capital budget that is presented to them on 4/17/24.

7. Thank you to everyone that participated in helping put together this capital presentation: L. Brodeur thanked the members for their time.

8. Public Comment: S. Brodeur suggested that T. Rukstela show up to the Board of Finance meeting to explain his request for the truck, etc., and that more information would be necessary for the digital records request. She also said she would have liked to see more of a five year plan.

9. Adjourn: M. Allen made a motion to adjourn; B. Langevin seconded; and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary