

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
December 8, 2022
Danville Town Hall (1:00 pm)

Board Members Present: Janice Ouellette, Ken Linsley and Eric Bach

Board Members Absent: Kellie Merrell and Peter Griffin

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero, Keith Gadapee and Wendy Somers

Meeting started at 1:13 pm.

1. Issues and Information (All)

(a) Danville Town Budget 2023.

Keith Gadapee noted he threw everything in the draft budget and was not expecting everything.

Keith Gadapee reviewed Revenue lines:

- Class 2 & 3 state aid was not accurate as he has not heard back on the numbers.
- Current Use is down (numbers received from Wendy Somers).
- Paving grant discussed for Bruce Badger. Reclaiming of road discussed. Not doing a shim and overlay as it would show cracks earlier. This road would only get done if the Town received the grant.
- \$1,200 is for the PACIF grant for safety.
- New road side mower discussed and whether to purchase new one or sub work out. The current machine is tired but may last another year. A new machine, if purchased would be used for sweeping, mowing and plowing. Keith Gadapee has reached out to Barnet and Ryegate for possible sharing of equipment as St. J does not want to share equipment.

Payroll lines:

- Adding a person.
- Health insurance is taken by 4 employees.
- Raises with no COLA and additional person added.
- Current listed insurance numbers do not include the additional person.
- Taxes and FICA discussed.
- Insurance contribution is 19% by employer and 6% by employee.
- Overtime possibly lessening however, hourly rates increasing.

Office Operation:

- Not much changed.

Town Garage:

- Not a lot of change.
- Unable to spend Building Maintenance and Repairs but does have projects planned for the money.
- Heating system put in the Capital Building fund in case a new system is needed.

Class 2 & 3 Roads:

- Gravel discussed, overspending and surplus of crushed gravel for next year.
- Projects for roads and low traffic on certain roads discussed for evaluation of priority.
- Road crack fill process discussed.

Class 4:

- No change, no numbers in budget.

Trucks & Equipment:

- Corrosion prevention line dropped.
- Off year to paint a body and buy a truck.

- Grader attachment discussed. Burke and East Montpelier have one. Pike has run one.
- All positive feedback for rolling roads. May save gravel as it will keep loose elements from washing off. Cost is \$50,000 and item is built in USA (Montana). Part attaches to grader. This is something new, something Town does not have right now. Groton tried to build a make shift one and they love theirs. Keith Gadapee would like to order as soon as possible.
- 2007 six-wheel dump truck used is in schedule rotation. Peacham leases their dump trucks and it works for them. The town can buy out the lease or send back. Peacham's six-wheel has 20,000 miles on it and they are sending it back. Keith Gadapee has been having discussions with Peacham for possible purchase. Danville's current truck is pre-emissions and body is soft. It is only used for sand and new person would get it. It would no longer be a spare truck.
- Highway Garage has use for a rubber tire backhoe. It can be used for bucket loader and forks to unload freight. It is a tool to consider in future and it does not need to be new, it can be used.
- Payment for Peacham Road loan in 2023 is the second payment. There are only three payments and the final is in 2024 and loan will be complete.
- Reserve funding investment in Capital Equipment Fund.

Eric Bach discussed previous budgets noting their level funded however current days prices have increased.

Wendy Somers noted Current Use and Revenue were big items. Some appropriation requests have been received. RCT has requested an increase of \$400 and signatures have been received. Medical expenses discussed and noted was expenses in December could roll into January.

Ken Linsley noted Training Donation Revenue has change, reduce to \$300 for 2023.

Ballots for Town Meeting discussed. Will ballots be mailed for Australian ballot or will it be in person voting as cost for mailing would need to be added in postage and programming for tabulator.

Discussion on what can be done for 2023 Town Meeting ensued.

Eric Bach noted Fire Department has requested increase.

Ken Linsley inquired if Capital Plan was submitted.

Eric Bach noted previously the request was \$40,825 for 2022 until 2026.

Ken Linsley suggested a discussion may be warranted regarding what Town has and what other area towns have for equipment.

Eric Bach suggestion regionalization may need to be re-looked at and perhaps all the equipment may not be needed as Peacham and St. J have equipment. Comparing what each town has would help. Call Card discussed. Noted was Danville was already partially set up for regionalization as each town assists the other.

2. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.