

TOWN OF HUDSON BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

November 20, 2018

In Attendance:

Members Present: Mayor Janet Winkler, Commissioners: Larry Chapman, Jonathan Greer, Rick Shew, and Ann Smith

Members Absent: Barry Mitchell and Bill Warren

Others Present: Town Manager, Rebecca Bentley and Town Clerk, Tammy Swanson

Call to Order:

Janet Winkler called to Budget Meeting order.

Discuss Refund from Aetna Insurance: Janet stated that we did very good with our Aetna Insurance policy last year, and we actually received a refund for \$14,505.81.

Rebecca explained that our Aetna policy stated that if our payouts were less than premiums, they would do a 50/50 split of the surplus with us. Our premiums were less than our payouts, and we received a refund.

Janet recommended that we give this refund money back to the employees in the form of a check-like a Christmas bonus. She commented that in her opinion, we received this our good fortune because of the employees. The refund could be divided evenly by the number of employees.

It was the consensus of the Board that this would be a good gesture on the part of the Board, and would show the employees how much they are appreciated.

Motion: (Ann Smith/Rick Shew) to divide the insurance refund evenly among the Town employees as a Christmas bonus. Unanimously approved.

Discuss Painting Quote for Police Department Addition: Rebecca stated that after we have the new addition painted, we may also need to paint other rooms in the building. She requested that Ricardo Mesa of Mesa Paint Co. give us a quote for doing the painting. Ricardo painted Building B at HUB Station, and he always does a wonderful job.

The quote was received as follows:



Fine Painting and Finishes

166 Eastview Street • Hudson, NC 28638 • 828-292-2877

PROPOSAL

550 CENTRAL ST TOWN OF HUDSON EXTERIOR PAINT QUOTE

To: Mrs Rebecca M Bentley

Date: November 06, 2018

General Scope of Work

Pressure washer and scrub entire metal { including front and back doors, window frames } around the building sanding and paint all metal surface

Pricing:

Pressure Washer \$ 450:00

Paint two coats same or different color \$ 2.800:00

Materials \$ 400:00

Thank you

Ricardo Mesa

Rebecca stated that this expense can come from buildings and grounds.

Rebecca commented that Alan Stuart who helped us with designing the addition, said that he was very pleased with the addition. Also, according to the contractor, it should be completed within the 90-day estimated completion period.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Ricardo paint the new addition to Town Hall and the other rooms in the building as mentioned.

Discussion of Future of Floral Avenue: Rebecca discussed a piece of property that CCC & TI owns located off Roy E Coffey Drive. A section of Floral Avenue runs through this property and is included on our Powell Bill map. The College would like for us to abandon this section of the street – it is about one thousand feet of street. Rebecca explained that the College is considering placing a new building in this area, and this section of street may interfere with the placement of the building. Rebecca commented that abandoning this section of the street would cost a little money in taking it off our Powell Bill, plus there will be a cost involved with the advertisement of the public hearings to declare the street abandoned.

It was the consensus of the Town Board to ask that the CCC & TI Board request that the Town close the road, and then we will move forward with the procedures to close the road.

Discussion of Property Maintenance Code: Rebecca stated that with our new Code Enforcement Officer from the WPCOG comes a proposed property maintenance code. She explained that since the Code Enforcement Officer will be working for more than one town, they would like for the maintenance code to be the same for all of the town. Rebecca suggested that since we already have a code in place for property maintenance in our Code of Ordinances, we may want to schedule a work session to compare our code to the proposed code. She stated that although the other towns involved will be making changes to their codes, no one else felt the need to review and compare. Rebecca stated that someone from the COG will be presenting the Maintenance Code at today's Board Meeting, and we can decide whether or not we need a work session. She commented that she does not feel we need to be rushed.

Jonathan Greer stated that we would need to decide how authoritative we need or want to be with this code.

Janet stated that she agreed – we need to be sure that we are not too authoritative with someone's personal property.

Rebecca commented that we want to be careful that we do not double up on some of our regulations.

NIMS Training Available: Rebecca stated that to be FEMA compliant, our Board members are required to have NIMS Training (The National Incident Management System). **NIMS** involves components of Preparedness, Communications and Information Management, Resource Management and Command Management. The training can be done online, plus the COG or EMS may also be willing to offer classes. Rebecca commented that without this training, the Town will not be eligible to receive funds from FEMA. She stated that she would keep the Board informed about any upcoming training.

Adjournment:

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Jonathan Greer) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk