



Town of Middlefield Finance Committee

09/12/23 Meeting

In Attendance:

Joseph Kearns, Chair
Stephen Harris, Secretary
Jonathan Freiermuth

Gita Jozsef
Adair Laurel-Cafarella

Also attending:

Marin Laurel-Cafarella
Larry Pease
Jenny Dion

Quorum, call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Review minutes from previous meeting:

Minutes from previous meeting on 8/29/23 were approved as read.

Work on 10-year capital plan:

As per the town bylaws, the FC worked on the 3-year capital plan plus ideas received for years 4-10.

Larry Pease discussed Cemetery Commission funding needs:

For the current FY 24:

- Clear approximately 250' x 250' in the Clark Wright Road cemetery.
- Need to locate the perpetual fund account for cemetery care, and find out the purposes for which it can be used.

Future capital needs include setting the gravestones in Center Cemetery.

Jenny Dion discussed Police Department funding needs:

For the current FY 24:

- Four tasers for approximately \$10K.
- Office furniture & painting.
- Gun safe.

Future capital expense:

- Upgrade to dual-band two-way radios including the 800 MHz band as per other departments, at an estimated \$5K per unit.
- Switch to FirstNet dedicated wireless network, with 82% State Police funding.
- Garage for police vehicles.
- Cell phone boosters for \$1K per vehicle. Jenny plans to try one to see if it works.

Questions for various departments:

Adair distributed to some departments and is awaiting feedback.

Any other business:

Transportation for seniors and others was discussed.

Sean Curran is working on an employment handbook.

Crystal Kruszyna is working on ambulance response agreement.

Will need to show the state what issues the town is addressing.

Discussed Financial Committee budget responsibilities.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be on September 26th at 5 pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

