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MINUTES OF TRUSTEE MEETING: 10/24/23

PRESENT:

TRUSTEES

Lynne Touhy
Paul Sullivan
Elizabeth Courant

ALTERNATES

Jeanne Palleiko

STAFF

Lea McBain

Meeting started at 5:35 pm

1. Lea McBain presented proposed 2024 budget for trustee consideration and approval. Discussion followed regarding...

- COLA increase of 5% recommended by the town
- Cleaning expense increase due to increased hourly cost and increased size
- Heat decreased due to shift from propane to electric
- Acquisitions increase primarily due to Hoopla charges. More popularity increased cost
- Technology expense increase due to CCI charges for more equipment, maintenance. Network buildout was not included in construction budget

Jeanne Palleiko explained that the proposed 2024 budget request will be 5.6% over 2023

L. McBain discussed the advantages of hiring a bookkeeper. The suggestion based on experience was to offer \$25 p/hr for a maximum of 20 hours per month.

MOTION: To approve proposed 2024 budget of \$297,315.00 by J. Palleiko

Second by: Lynne Touhy Vote: 4-0 (Approved)

MOTION: To approve the posting of the Bookkeeper position by J. Palleiko

Second by: Elizabeth Courant Vote: 4-0 (Approved)

- 2 Lynne Touhy offered comments on the plan for the Nov 7th meeting and suggested that trustees be prepared to offer comments on each book and plans to hold a vote on each book.
- 3 Lea McBain commented on the need to review the policy for book challenges, noting that the existing policies should reviewed after the current challenge

Next meeting on Nov 7th at 5:15p in Vets Hall

Meeting adjourned at: 6:21pm

Minutes submitted by Paul Sullivan