

Minutes for Budget Meeting

Feb. 28.2023

Attending Alicia Christophersen, Don Clay, Keith Kinnen, Kip Reinarz, Harrison Hicks, Dana Gelately, Jeanie Porter Kurt Fenner JoAnna Hammerstrom by Zoom.

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM by Don with Pledge .

Discuss held on proposed increase in fire protection costs. Current budget is for \$72,000 and actual cost is \$83,560 for 2023, with an additional \$2408.10 being asked for by the Bemidji Rural Fire Association to cover increased costs.. Discussion held on accountability of the city of Bemidji on the budget.

Motion by Don seconded by Harrison to have a \$450,000 levy. An additional 7.6% increase of \$48,000 to the fire fund. Twenty five percent of the total budget will go to the fire fund. The rest of the budget to remain the same with general fund at \$93,500, Road fund \$143,000, Fire fund 120,000, Cemetery \$4000, and town Hall Fund at \$50,000. The 13% increase is due to increase in fire fund costs. All approved.

Motion by Don, seconded by Keith to adjourn, all approved at 6{45 PM