



the year to determine what, if any, transfer would be made from the 030 fund to the 039 fire capital/savings fund.

With respect to fire apparatus, Chief Beane informed the Board that he has been working with the fire Liaisons on the apparatus replacement schedule. Chief Beane stated that the engines are the foundational apparatus for the department. He recommended replacing an engine in 2021, but a specific amount had not yet been determined. Based on similar engines having recently been purchased in neighboring departments, he recommended a "place holder" amount in the 039 fund of \$675,000. The Board directed that the draft 2021 fire fund budget be revised to reflect Chief Beane's recommendation.

Mr. Bilger noted that the apparatus replacement schedule reflect several purchases in 2022 which will have to be examined more closely.

#### GENERAL FUND

Chief Winchester reviewed the draft 2021 police budget. Mrs. O'Leary questioned the amount for training, that the 2020 expense is much lower than the 2020 budget and proposed 2021 budget. Chief Winchester noted that, although training expenses were reduced during the COVID 19 emergency in 2020, there were certain training requirements that cannot be reduced or eliminated in 2021. Also, a refund for 2020 training had been received which was deposited against the same line item since both the expense and the refund occurred in the same year. He noted that civil service testing would have to take place in 2021. Chief Winchester presented a plan to replace the current pistols, which are approaching their service life. Switching to the new side arms has several advantages: reliability, lighter recoil, and reduced weight. Current holsters and leather gear do not have to be replaced.

Ms. Johnston reviewed the draft 2021 highway department budget. Two pieces of equipment were proposed for capital, a mower and a backhoe. The backhoe is paid 50% out of the sewer fund. The main uncertainty with respect to the highway budget is storm sewer expense. The amount of \$150,000 is an educated guess based on the fact that many metal pipes installed in the 1980s are deteriorating.

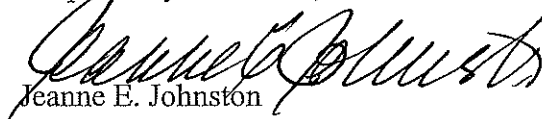
#### CORRESPONDENCE

Meeting advertised in the Reading Eagle on 10/4/2020.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADJOURNING THE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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