

Town of Primrose ARPA Funds Committee Meeting

Held August 28, 2023 at Primrose Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Resulting from a vote at the town's annual meeting to set up a committee to discuss the use of the ARPA funds a committee meeting was held on 8/28/2023 at the townhall. Several residents of the township offered suggestions however were not able to be present at the meeting. At the meeting were: Treasurer Dave Garfoot, Patrolman Mike Sutter and resident Dawn Haag.

Roughly \$77000 of funds are available for use.

Discussion:

Mike Sutter talked about the need for some improvements/upgrades in the shop area. Better water facilities, check the heating system as it is thought to be the original one, and safety things such as railings and shelves for the loft. Also mentioned the salt shed may need roofing.

Dawn Haag presented the ideas that had been relayed to her from other township residents. Use all funds for the town hall facility capital items above the \$50,000 allocated and explained below. Along with Mike's needs listed above possible outside drainage work around the foundation was talked about. It was our understanding that Dale Judd was getting painting bids. It is also understood that funds were put into the general budget for some townhall items. We also have nearly \$10,000 of extra income generated this year that is available to use if needed.

Allocate \$50,000 of the funds to directly to the over \$300,000 fire truck purchase the township will need to make in the next 2 years. By doing this the loan needed would significantly less and given the current interest rates the township would get more benefit by not paying so much interest. Treasurer Garfoot confirmed that ARPA funds could be used for partial capital purchases as P&I payments are outside the levy limits. By reducing the debt service structure all residents' tax bills are lowered and it helps offset/moderate the reassessment values recently established by Accurate Assessors.

Governor Evers recently appropriated a large sum of money for rural roads in WI which will be assessable via grants (grants do not need to be repaid). The township should apply for those funds and stretch the ARPA funds as much as possible. Thus, not putting ARPA money to roads rather other items.

Submitted by:

Dawn Haag