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## Budget & Building Committee Minutes

October 14, 2021

In attendance: Bethany Zerbe, Lori Ames, Priscilla Popp.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04.

Director DeMarte provided an update on the electric conversion which has been scheduled for November. She also provided an update that the landscaping work has begun. Lastly, the committee was updated the parking lot was sealed over Columbus Day weekend.

The 2019 Construction Grant project final report has been submitted and is awaiting approval from the state.

The committee discussed how the library might use the donation from Mr. Heilbronner.

Bethany Zerbe asked for an update on the water in the basement and the two leaking windows upstairs. The committee discussed resolutions and Director DeMarte will be contacting service professionals to address the issues and find a solution.

The meeting shifted to a budget meeting.

The committee reviewed the 2021 budget and adjusted for known increases and decreases, as well as projected increases in various areas. The matter of whether to prorate the health insurance for the Youth Services position that may not be filled until the end of 2021 was referred to the full board to decide on the matter or refer to the personnel committee.

The committee also reviewed the 2022 budget and discussed adjustments needed for pricing increases.

**The committee recommends that the board hold a vote to override the tax cap and to explore a funding increase in 2023, with a vote to be held in June 2022.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm by consensus.