

Town administrator documents allocation of Fire Department funds

Town Administrator Valerie Remington reported the results of the town's investigation into how funds from the ballot initiative passed in 2015 that specified 10 mills of the town's tax revenue would go to PLVFD. Remington pointed out that the ballot initiative became effective in 2016 and the funds became available in 2017.

During the 2017 audit, the town consolidated assets of the General Fund at the recommendation of the town's auditor, Remington said. In the 2018 audit, PLVFD received \$307,000, accord-

ing to Remington.

The 2019 audit is not complete, Remington told the council. As of June 30, the town has \$295,197 in the PLVFD budget, she said, adding the PLVFD funds were in the General Fund, which has a balance of \$1.8 million. The PLVFD funds can be spent at any time, Remington pointed out.

Summarizing how the funds had been raised and used, Remington said that in 2017, the 10-mill allocation had generated \$303,000, and PLVFD spent \$227,000 or 91.6 percent of the revenue from the allocation. That grew PLVFD reserves by \$64,000.

PLVFD spent \$25,000 less than its budgeted amount in 2017. Remington said her figures showed PLVFD actually received more than the revenue generated by the 10-mill allocation.

In 2018, Remington found a similar situation. The 10 mills generated \$326,000 and PLVFD spent \$307,000, increasing reserves by \$57,000. Once again, PLVFD spent less than its budget allowed by \$19,000.

Trustee Paul Banta said PLVFD had \$149,205 in reserves. He pointed out that PLVFD had actually received 110 percent of the 10-mill allocation in 2017 and 112 percent

in 2018, creating the reserve mentioned.

Remington said some amount of money in reserve was a requirement to address emergencies.

After the meeting, Banta built a spreadsheet that confirms the figures presented by Remington.

Resident Trish Flake admonished the council for con-

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