

MORC Minutes 10/21/09

Attending: Sherman, Kersteen, Vaillancourt, DeSena, Bauman, Marvin, Jordan, Thompson, and Lynch & McGovern

Mike presented a list of benchmark communities. There was a discussion about the use of benchmarking.

Penny handed out a draft framework for the work of the committee and explained her thought process. There was a discussion about how best to get citizen input. Electronically? Focus groups?

Dick Bauman felt that the survey done for the comp plan should be utilized. Mike will send the committee a link to the survey.

Issues discussed:

It was noted that we spend more per capita on parks and libraries than other communities.

Adequacy of our volunteer rescue service

Public works tries to plow all roads w/in 3 hours - do citizens want a lesser service?

Can some things be consolidated? Yes, you could consolidate things like library services.

Bill DeSena would like to see code enforcement, planner and assessor consolidated.

Mike said only about 10% of the municipal budget is debatable. Lynch suggested looking at all the municipal spending, on the lines from the fire dept up on the list "How the funds are spent". In other words, for the sake at prioritizing focus on the big-ticket items.

JGMarvin said the previous committee had subcommittees that each took a town and went out to look for best practices, they surveyed what other towns do.

Glen asked for a copy of the Town's financial report.

At Tim's request, mike described how the budget was developed.

Bill DeSena discussed his handout, including 9 proposed charter changes.

The Committee decided to create subcommittees to look at municipal operations by dept.

General Government: Sherman, **Bauman**, Desena

Public Safety: Jordan, **Thompson**, desena

Public Works; **Lynch**, Jordan, Bauman

Culture, library, & CS: **Marvin**, Vaillancourt, Lynch

Facilities: **Vaillancourt** Marvin Kersteen

Revenue: Thompson, Kersteen, **DeSena**

Subcommittees will meet w/ dept contacts before the next full meeting on Dec 9th. Get dept overview, funding, and

revenue requirement, challenges, what could be done differently, what can be regionalized or privatized?