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I respectfully request this to be read during the Agenda Item V - Public Hearing.

This evening the Board will be taking action to spend money that the tax payers paid via property taxes. The Administration has recommended the Board to spend money from the CIP (\$48,578.80) and the operating budget (\$11,199.17) because the entire project, budgeted for \$37,000, is now over budgeted by \$22,777.97.

1. What is your justification to spend an additional \$22,777.97 over the \$37,000 budgeted project? I particularly would like to hear explanations from Mr. Harmon, Mrs. Serrine and Mr. Saulnier, as they were all sitting on the previous board when this \$37,000 project was approved last year.
2. I am interested in hearing from the new board members, Mrs. Couture and Mrs. Arsenault. Why do you agree or disagree with Administration to use budgeted funds to supplement a part of a CIP project?
3. Is this a CIP project or a Repair and Maintenance budget project? Did the Board consult with the CIP committee, since the recommendation is now co-mingling CIP and Budgeted funds? Is this legal?

I would like to see the District keep with the original budgeted project cost of \$37,000. After all, that was what was budgeted by three current board members last year, right?

This District has a +/- \$600k budget surplus. The District ought to look into returning every red penny of that surplus back to the tax payers - via cash refunds, not a reduction on next year's tax rate.

Thank you,

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