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**Budget Change**

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Sun, Feb 23, 2025 at 3:59 PM

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Hi all, so the Quickbooks subscription that we have been using for payroll (Veronica's) will no longer be available...beginning in March...she got her new bill and payroll has just about doubled in the cost. She no longer uses the desktop version herself...most had moved to online versions. We have an option to keep the desktop payroll feature through another company, but we will need to pay \$75/month in order to do that....which will add another \$900/year to payroll fees. I just wanted to give you a heads up that we would need to vote that into the new budget.

If the station chose to move to QB online the cost would be between \$120-\$150/month depending on whether we would want to use class tracking...and all this is something we can discuss at Thursday's meeting...but wanted to let you know about the change before the meeting.

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Sun, Feb 23, 2025 at 6:37 PM

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Thanks for giving us heads up. See u all Thursday to discuss.  
Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 23, 2025, at 3:59 PM, KAREN SIWICKI <ksiwicki7761@comcast.net> wrote:

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Fri, Feb 28, 2025 at 3:33 PM

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Hi Karen -

After a bit of discussion last night, I believe the general consensus was: get what you need.

Handful of questions.

- Do you have any experience with the 3rd party that will be running QB desktop payroll function? 3rd parties can be a pain if we need support for any reason.
- If we did an annual subscription (to either option), could we use capital money for it?
- Do you have experience with any other bookkeeping applications that may be worth checking out, or are we basically wedded to QB?
- What is class tracking?
- Would you prefer to use QB online or QB desktop via the 3rd party?

I think the decision is mostly up to you; once you decide what you want we can vote via email to make things happen pretty quickly.

Thanks,  
Dana

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Sat, Mar 1, 2025 at 10:29 AM

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Hi all, so first off we have been doing 3rd party all these years-we have been using Veronica's subscription of QB as an added user to her account...which she is not renewing the desktop subscription because the payroll part has doubled this year in an attempt to get everyone to use QB online services. Veronica has spoken with Ruth from Business Solutions in Hadley, whom she has worked with for years. Any questions I have ever had about QB I have asked Veronica-not QB...she's the QB expert and my support person. I also have known Ruth for years and feel totally comfortable switching over and be added as an additional user to her subscription. You are allowed to have more than one company on your subscription. She would never have access to any of our files or info. We have never had our own subscription to QB and I have never had any reason to contact them. I do sometimes use QB help or ask online to other QB users if I'm having trouble doing something, but we've never had QB support that we could call directly.

That being said, I'm not sure if we could use the capital money to pay for software...but I guess we could check with our accountant...typically that money is for equipment purchases...stuff that can be depreciated over time...the money I think should come out of operating expense or unrestricted grant monies.

There are other programs out there, like Quicken, but not sure how easily the conversion from QB would be for that...I don't think Quicken has the

same capabilities as QB and honestly everyone we do books for is in QB...

Class tracking really is a way for us to break out reports to show different things, i.e. capital purchases, admin, office expense, etc. The only thing we have ever used it for while I've been doing books is for capital purchases and how I am able to run the capital report for the board meetings as that report is pulling from class lists. The same thing can be done in excel, which we already do with breakdowns for sick and vacation time that I keep track of throughout the year and is one of the things that I submit to the accountant each year.

Right now I would prefer to keep the desktop version, but thinking that eventually we will need to move to the online version anyway... They have improved their online software and Veronica has said that she could help us get the company file converted to online if that is what the board would prefer to do. And of course there's the learning curve involved as well, but I do already use it for other clients payroll... It might be tight with our budget right now to do the move. But if the board feels more comfortable with owning their own subscription I am confident it can be done.

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Sat, Mar 1, 2025 at 2:12 PM

All sounds good to me. Although software could, be argued, depreciates over time as it improves maybe. Let us know if we need to vote!

Here's the minutes: [MCCI Board Meeting, Thu, Feb 27, 2025 - Montague Community Television | MCTV](#)

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Fri, Mar 7, 2025 at 2:38 PM

Sorry this took me a bit. Forgot about it then remembered.

I misinterpreted 3rd-party, as I thought it meant we'd be going to a 3rd party for support if needed. I'm also familiar with Ruth, and as long as there would be no access to the files (as I believe all company files are still password protected), I have no problem with tagging on their desktop subscription.

Quicken definitely wouldn't cut it - my experience is that Quicken is more geared towards home finances, etc.

Let's keep the desktop subscription for now - we can worry about the class tracking down the line when we may be looking at paying QB directly for QB Online or whatever. It will definitely be good to get clarity on whether we can use capital expenses to pay for software though - I'd definitely make the argument that software is equipment that does

depreciate over time. It's a tool that is used for essential business functions, and as it gets older it gets less valuable because it goes out of date, loses support, etc. My \$0.02.

Dana

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Fri, Mar 7, 2025 at 2:49 PM

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I did check with Veronica and she said no on the capital equipment account, but I can shoot Bernice an email and ask her. I will need to set this up before the next payroll and Veronica can help me with that. As I said, we are only using Ruth's subscription number in order to process payroll and receive updates...

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Sounds good to me!

Yeah, worth checking with Ruth, but zero urgency on it. I'm more thinking if we switch to QB online at some point and the annual becomes like \$1300 for the subscription.

Dana

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I looked at it with Veronica this morning and it looks like it would cost about \$1,400 to have our own online subscription.

I did email Bernice, will let you know what she says...

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Understood. For now I'd say we should definitely pursue the desktop version, since you're more comfortable with it.

So I guess - all in favor of getting the desktop QB for Karen? Aye from me.

Dana

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Hi Liz, can we have your vote, please? as a formality we should have it:)

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Liz Walber votes aye!!

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