

Minutes
March 21, 2019 Budget Meeting

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips
Dale Leiser (Face time: Myrtle Beach, SC)
Robert Baumeister
David Flaherty

Also attending: William Mancini

Mayor Dunham opened the budget meeting at 6:00 pm.

The Village Board entered the budget meeting with a total budget of \$1,204,361.00. The total tax assessed value of the village for the 2019/2020 fiscal year is \$146,944,088.00. The proposed amount to be raised by taxes is \$345,480.00 with a tax rate of \$2.35110 per thousand.

The village board reviewed the proposed expenses in the General, Water, Sewer and Capital Project Funds for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. The following changes were made:

Increase

A3410.4 Fire Department Contractual +\$16,000 (to cover paving front apron of firehouse)

A8097.4 Planning Equip. Outlay +\$200.00

The Village Board discussed the much needed projects of the village and possible ways to finance them. Mayor Dunham noted it is very hard to do the infrastructure projects in the village and stay within the tax cap requirements. Discussion on applying for grant funds, bonding money for projects and possible separating projects like water infrastructure from construction to save money on the street projects was had. Trustee Phillips stated the board can review the village's debt schedule and try and determine when it is best to bond the money needed for Albany Ave.

The board held a discussion on following projects facing the village:

1. Van Buren Hall: that will consist of new ADA bathrooms, refinishing the floors, electrical work of additional outlets, lighting and including moving the panel box.
2. Village Hall: is in need of new boilers for the village offices and State Troopers Barracks
3. William Street Project: (Maiden Lane to Rt. 9) new water lines, drainage, paving and sidewalks with an estimated cost over \$800,000.
4. Albany Ave: An estimated project cost of 1.3 million dollars

Trustee Leiser noted he placed \$7,000 in the water fund budget to hire a grant writer hoping to merge water projects to allow a bigger opportunity in receiving grant funds. The village has applied for grant funds but has not been selected to be awarded funds. He has seen where other municipalities' of our size have received grant funds but they have requested larger amounts and for bigger projects. Trustee Leiser stated the village has several water projects but we have applied for one project at a time. He would like to address the water lines on William Street, Albany Ave and changing the water meters in the entire village.

Trustee Flaherty noted he has funds in the current budget to replace the emergency stairs in the back of the Village Hall. S & S Fabrication was awarded the contract and was not able to complete the job before winter. If, he is unable to install and invoice the village before the end of the fiscal year Trustee Flaherty will request to have the funds moved to the buildings savings account until the job can be completed.

Mayor Dunham adjourned the budget meeting at 9:00 pm and scheduled a budget meeting for March 26, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk