

Minutes

Special Meeting of the Village Board for yearend transfers to the reserve accounts

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Due to COVID-19 pandemic: The meeting was held in Van Buren Hall and via Zoom Videoconference.

Present:

Mayor James Dunham- Van Buren Hall with Zoom videoconference

Trustee Richard Phillips-Van Buren Hall with Zoom videoconference

Trustee Robert Baumeister-Van Buren Hall with Zoom videoconference

Village Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Heeder-

Trustee Dale Leiser- 4 Berkshire Drive- Zoom Videoconference

Trustee David Flaherty-23 Berkshire Drive-Zoom Videoconference

Also attending: Robert Fitzsimmons and Stephen Palumbo

Mayor Dunham opened the Special meeting at 7:35 pm. Due to COVID 19 the meeting is being held via zoom and with a few members in attendance at Van Buren Hall.

The meeting is being held to discuss funds available from the 2019/2020 budget in anticipation of transferring funds to the village's reserve accounts. On an annual basis the village budgets funds to be transferred to the reserve accounts for large expenditures unless needed in the current fiscal year due to unforeseen circumstances.

1. Fire Truck-Due to the expense of a new fire truck Trustee Phillips has budgeted \$25,000 on a yearly basis to be moved to the fire truck reserve account at the end of the fiscal year. (if not needed for fire truck repairs during the year) The fire truck repairs exceeded the amount budgeted therefore the remaining total of \$17,000 in the fire departments appropriations is being proposed to be transferred into the fire truck savings account. A motion made by Trustee Phillips to transfer \$17,000 to the fire truck savings account for the future purchase of a fire truck; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".
2. DPW Truck-Trustee Leiser had budgeted \$10,000 in the streets appropriation to be moved to the Equipment Reserve account for the future purchase of a truck for the Department of Public Works. It has been discussed previously that the water fund should pay a portion towards a truck. Trustee Leiser noted the water fund is ending the fiscal year healthy. There were no water line repairs this fiscal year as in the past. He would like to transfer the funds budgeted for the repair of lines and other unexpended funds in total of \$20,000 to the Equipment Reserve account. A motion made by Trustee Leiser to transfer \$20,000 from the Water Fund to the Equipment Reserve account to be used for the purchase of a truck; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted aye".
3. Sidewalk-Mayor Dunham noted he had budgeted \$13,000 in this year's budget to replace the sidewalk in front of 12 Broad Street due to the tree roots upheaving the sidewalk. The owners of 12 Broad Street need to install new water lines for fire suppression and will need to remove the sidewalks. The village was holding off on replacing the sidewalk until the water lines were installed. A motion made by Mayor Dunham to transfer

\$13,000 to the streets/sidewalks reserve account; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted “aye”.

4. Sewer Fund-Due to unforeseen repairs of the sewer pump and additional expenses from the sewer project the sewer fund was in a negative fund balance of \$6,251. The village had to repair the pump this fiscal year and will have the old pump repaired in case it is needed in the future. A total estimate to cover the sewer fund is approximately \$19,000. Mayor Dunham made a motion to transfer \$19,000 from the general fund to the sewer fund; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted “aye”.

No comments from the public were received.

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Mayor Dunham discussed with the Village Board areas in the budget where he feels the village may not receive the projected revenues anticipated due to COVID sales tax being the biggest one. The village board will need to carefully watch the budget.

The board discussed having the Department of Public Works return to daily together starting early next week.

Mayor Dunham would like to state the Village Board supports the improvements proposed to the Planning Board for 3-5 Broad Street. The board supports the business in the village and feels the Albany Hudson Electric Trial will bring people into the village.

A motion made by Trustee Baumeister to adjourn at 7:56 pm; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “aye.”

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk