

Minutes
Tentative Budget Meeting for the 2022-2023 Fiscal year
Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Present: Mayor Michael Abrams

Trustees: David Flaherty
Dorene Weir
James Mark Browne
Susan Patterson (from Florida, via
zoom entered the meeting at 6:19pm)

Also attending: Climate Smart Chair William Mancini.

Mayor Abrams opened the budget meeting at 6:03 pm. Mayor Abrams noted this is the village's third budget meeting. The meeting is in person and via Zoom Videoconference.

The Village Board entered the budget meeting with a total proposed budget of \$1,292,052.60. The total assessed value of the village of \$166,099,708.00. The proposed amount to be raised by taxes of \$373,674.60 with a tax rate of \$2.24970 per thousand of assessed value.

Mayor Abrams noted the main areas of discussion tonight are review the garbage number, update of the village website and speed enforcement. The board will also enter into executive session to discuss salaries for the CEO/ZEO and Economic Development Director.

Trustee Flaherty noted the Garbage bids were opened at 1:00pm today. It is a two year contract combined with Valatie. The sale of the garbage stickers covers the tipping fees and the monthly collection charge is covered in village taxes. After review of the estimated garbage revenues and proposed expenditures Trustee Flaherty felt adding an additional \$7,000 to the budget will cover the garbage expenses.

The following two bids were received:

1. <u>County Waste – Ulster, LLC:</u>			
Collection	Valatie		\$ 84,240.00
Disposal	\$82.00/tonx420		\$ 34,440.00
Total Valatie			\$118,680.00
Collection	Kinderhook		\$ 84,240.00
Disposal	\$82.00/tonx362		\$ 29,684.00
Total			\$113,924.00
2. Twin Bridges Waste and Recycling:			
Collection	Valatie		\$202,813.20
Disposal	\$82.00/tonx420		\$ 34,440.00
Total Valatie			\$237,253.20
Collection	Kinderhook		\$196,405.20
Disposal	\$82.00/tonx362		\$ 29,684.00
Total			\$226,089.20

Water Fund

Former Mayor Leiser spoke with Jeff Smith from Smith Well drilling concerning the cleaning of pump #4. Depending on the rain and when the creek slows down he would like to test the water flow in well #4 and pull the pump, clean it and change the screens. The cleaning of well #4 is estimated at \$12,000. Well #4 was the village's main well but we are now using well #2. He worked with Clerk/Treasurer Heeder and would like to propose the following changes to the 2022 – 2023 water fund budget.

Expenditures

Increase

F.8340.4 + \$12,000

Decrease

F.8340.2 Equipment - \$5,500.00

F.1990.4 Contingent - \$4,300

F.8310.4 Administration - \$2,200

Village Website

Mayor Abrams would like to update the village website in addition to allowing the village office to post items without having to wait for the webmaster to post items. The initial cost to get things started maybe an additional \$200-\$300 a month but once up and running it will be comparable to what we are paying now. The village may also be able to tap into volunteer resources or evaluate and make some changes this upcoming year and into the following year. An additional \$3,000 will be entered into the budget.

Speed Enforcement

Mayor Abrams is proposing to hire a Sheriff's Deputy on an hourly contractual agreement with the Sheriff's office. The village can choose to use the deputy for speed enforcement or traffic control during village events on an hourly basis. The village can request the deputy to enforce speeding on the village's problem streets like Albany Ave, Eichybush and Gaffney including Rt.9 within the village limits. Trustee Browne requested the village attorney review the contract.

The following changes were made:

General Fund Expenditures

Increase

A.1680.4 Central Data Processing + \$3,000

A.8160.4 Refuse Collection + \$7,000

The village board would like to stay within the State Comptroller's 2% tax compliance recommendation. The budget is over by \$11,484.60 and the board would like to go into executive session to finalize salaries. The village board will determine salary changes and reduce expenditures or increase revenues to stay within the tax compliance prior to going to the public hearing.

Trustee Flaherty made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget on the 2022-2023 Fiscal year at 7:00 pm followed Annual Organizational meeting then followed by regular monthly Village Board meeting. All voted "aye".

Trustee Weir made a motion to enter into executive session on personnel; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to increase the CEO's salary by \$4,000; seconded by Trustee Browne. All voted "aye"

A motion by Trustee Flaherty to increase the Economic Development Director's salary by \$3,000; Seconded by Trustee Browne. All voted: Mayor Abrams "aye"
Trustee Flaherty "aye"
Trustee Browne "aye"
Trustee Patterson "aye"

Trustee Weir "abstained"

General Fund Expenditures

Increase

A.3620.1 Safety Inspection Personal Services + \$4,000

A.6497.4 Economic Development + \$3,000

A motion made by Mayor Abrams to make the following changes to the tentative budget; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

General Fund

Take an additional \$15,000 from Fund Balance (\$130,000 to \$145,000)

Revenues

Increase

A.2610 Fines & Fort. Bail + \$2,500

Decrease

A.8560.4 Shade trees - \$985.00

Water Fund Expenditures

Increase

F.8310.1 Water Administration + \$5,000 (Salary for Water & Sewer Commissioner)

Decrease

F.1990.4 Contingent - \$2,040

Water Fund Revenues

F.2140 Metered Water sales + \$1,000

The Village Board will propose a total budget of \$1,310,078.00 with \$372,190.00 to be raised by taxes with a tax rate of \$2.24076 per thousand of assessed value at April 13, 2022 Public Hearing.

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to adjourn the budget meeting at 8:06 pm; seconded by Trustee Browne. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder

Village Clerk