

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Barr, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer VanBuren.

Discussed the changes to the budget that the Mayor and the Department Heads had suggested.

General Fund:

Mr. Bobbitt is hoping to get the roof done on the Village Hall. Due to the cost, the same amount for it will be left in the budget, and the costs will be spread over two budget years. If there is enough left in this line item, redoing the flooring in the Clerk's Office and Board Room will be considered.

If using CHIPs money in the 2019-20 budget year doesn't happen, we will roll the unused amount into the 2020-21 budget.

Discussed adding to the inventory of chairs and tables at the Scout House as requested by the current Boy Scout Leader. Added a small amount to the Scout House line for this purpose, and Mr. Bobbitt will purchase/replace chairs and tables as needed.

Water Fund:

The Water Fund should be able to pay for the updated meter readers as the meter rent charged quarterly is for the purpose of repairs and replacements to the meters and those revenues are deposited in the Water Fund. May consider increasing this rate as it has stayed the same for close to 25 years.

Sewer Fund:

Eliminating the cost of purchasing a portion of the meter readers lowers the overall expenditures for this fund. The 2000 Bond was paid off this year, so the only bond payment will be for the recently closed WWTP Upgrades Project. This lowered the amount we must budget to pay back each year. Clerk Schweigert cautioned, though, that this amount will increase once we have to start paying back the interest-free loan for the second phase of upgrades at the WWTP, the Disinfectant requirements the NYSDEC is now imposing on us.

Discussed wages. Clerk Schweigert advised to calculate the cost of granting the same wage increase to non-union employees as the union employees will receive this upcoming budget year per the Collective Bargaining Agreement that is in place.

Clerk Schweigert reviewed current and projected non-property tax revenues for this year. It appears that sales tax revenues are up some. Overall, the General Fund should have some increases in revenues, while the Water and Sewer Funds will have flat revenues. Discussed non-property tax revenues for the 2020-21 budget.

Discussed the need for an additional budget meeting. Once the expenditures are calculated, the tax levy and tax rate will be determined. Clerk Schweigert advised that we have rollover available from the 2019-20 tax cap limit. Wages will need to be set, as well.

A motion was made Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to set a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the 2020-21 Village budget. Carried, with all present voting aye.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer