

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BUDGET WORKSHOP

March 27, 2023

DATE: 3/27/23

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Dave LeClair, Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Trustee Mark Fargo, Trustee Karen Gorton, Trustee Doug Rigby, Clerk Jeannie Kesel

Others Residents in attendance: Jamie Landcastle

The Mayor called the Budget Workshop to order at 5:30 pm

GENERAL FUND

Trustee Karen Gorton said the budget is very acceptable. It would be nice if the Village could receive some grants. The Mayor asked if any board member had any questions. Trustee Mark Fargo said this is a tight and narrow, bare bones budget.

BACKHOE

Trustee Mark Fargo suggested the Village set up reserve funds in the Water and Sewer Funds to save for a new backhoe. Trustee Karen Gorton asked if there was a possibility of financing the purchase with zero interest. Art said that a lease might be possible. He will look into financing options. The Mayor said that he will have resolutions to set up these reserve accounts at the next board meeting. The Board suggested that \$40K be allocated to these equipment reserve funds - \$10K in each reserve fund.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked if Jeannie reviews health care options. Jeannie said she has reached out to Yates and Ontario counties and Gorham and Bloomfield. Because they have some unionized employees, the Village cannot participate in their health care programs. Trustee Karen Gorton suggest Jeannie reach out to the Chamber of Commerce for possible health care options.

Trustee Doug Rigby asked Art if there was enough money budget for the sewer parts he is hoping to purchase. Art felt there is enough money budgeted.

The Mayor said that he signed a NYCOM petition today. This is for grant money for a new program for water and sewer plants. NYCOM is hoping the State will include this in their final budget. Art said it would work like the chips program. The Mayor said that would be a nice windfall if the State implements this program.

Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked if the Fire Department submitted information for their budget. The Mayor said their budget would be the same as 2022-2023, therefore no information was submitted.

Jeannie mentioned that MRB is working on the grant process for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade. Some invoices have come in from MRB and BP Donegan's and will be paid in the 2022/2023 budget. The

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Mayor heard from MRB that ARPA Funds could be used for soft cost expenses. If the Village uses these funds for construction costs, the Village will receive more points on the CDBG grant application.

Jeannie said she will put on the agenda for the April 10th Board Meeting to pass the budget after a public hearing. The Organizational Meeting will also be on the agenda.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Mark Fargo. A 2nd was received from Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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