

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE

TENTATIVE BUDGET

March 28, 2024

DATE: 3/28/24

TIME: 4:00 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Dave LeClair, Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, Trustee Karen Gorton, Trustee Doug Rigby, Clerk Jeannie Kesel, DPW Supervisor Art Rilands and Temporary DPW Supervisor Neal Curtis

Others Residents in attendance: Jamie Landcastle

The Mayor called the Budget Workshop to order at 4:00 pm

GENERAL

\$6,000.00 was added in Account AA8010.4

BACKHOE

Clerk Jeannie Kesel summarized the Board's discussion from our meeting on the 21st. Tina talked about how important fund balance is. The General and Cemetery have strong fund balances and the Water and Sewer each need to be self-sustaining. Tina mentioned whatever we did regarding the backhoe that the Village Board be transparent. She said that there was enough money in the General Account to pay off the backhoe. We delayed a decision until our meeting today. It was suggested that all the transactions for the backhoe be put under General and Cemetery. Jeannie made these changes and the current budget worksheets reflect these changes. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked why some of the money would be taken out of the Cemetery Fund and not all from the General Fund. The Mayor said that there is a lot of money in the Cemetery and it can be used for maintenance of the cemetery. Art said that the backhoe is used an average of 113 hours a year. Trustee Karen Gorton suggested that money come out of the Cemetery and the General Funds for the backhoe. She asked if the backhoe can be paid off in one lump sum since the Village has the fund balance available. After further discussion it was agreed to pay off the backhoe in full – 40% from the Cemetery and 60% from the General.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman asked about the Payroll Projection Sheet which includes Art as an employee of the Village. The Mayor said that the Village has a unique situation. Art will be a working Mayor. Neal does not have all of his licenses and the Village has the Water Treatment Upgrade Project. Chris should have his licenses within 12 months. Jeannie said that this sheet has not been updated since the election. She will update this sheet for the final budget. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman had an opinion from the Conference of Mayors saying an individual cannot be an employee and an elected official simultaneously. The Mayor agreed and suggested that the Board consider adding a stipend to the mayor's salary or increase his salary for a specific time period. Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman said

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that this would set a precedent and felt it was not right. The Mayor suggested that the board put this on their agenda for the next meeting and get an opinion from the Village Attorney.

A motion to pass the Tentative Budget with the changes discussed – payoff the backhoe and update the payroll projection sheet was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner. A 2nd was received from Trustee Karen Gorton. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Cheryl Hilton-Vadner. A 2nd was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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