

Monday April 8th
Village of Schuylerville
Public hearing on the 2020 tentative budget

Present;

Mayor Daniel Carpenter

Deputy Mayor Jason Young

Trustee Bryan Drew

Trustee Whitney Colvin

Trustee Tim Lebaron

Resolutions to amend the 2020 fiscal year budget were presented to the board for discussion.

Mayor Carpenter asked if there were any questions regarding the changes to the budget.

The question was raised as to what the difference between water services and water service charges is. Water service charges are the insurance and the lead agency fees. The insurance reimbursement was historically posted to miscellaneous. As per the comptrollers advise, for this next fiscal year we propose posting this to water service charges, A.2144.00 (water services, A.2378.000 is the amount payed to the DPW when there is a water job.) A.2378.000 will equal the water services expense line, as the village is reimbursed for DPW water work. If the resolutions pertaining to these accounts are passed, then these accounts will reflect this.

There was discussion regarding the forestry revenue, and how the board came to that figure. In conclusion, it was felt that \$40,000.00 was very conservative, and that it would most likely be considerably more.

Trustee LeBaron stated he felt that the board needed to review the raises proposed. He said that he felt that the DPW, "were the ones who do all of the work in the village." He felt that the DPW should get more raises and that they should take away from the others. Mayor Carpenter agreed that the DPW should get more, but that he did not feel that it would be appropriate to take away the raises from the people who do the work in the sewer plant and the offices.

He also pointed out that the sewer plant operators' salaries were in the sewer fund budget, and therefore could not be countered by raising the DPW salary.

Deputy Mayor Young stated that he felt that the base salary for Rob Decker should be higher, instead of Rob getting the overtime. Mayor Carpenter pointed out that if his base pay were increased, it would only increase our costs for overtime, not reduce the amount of overtime that we would have. Trustee Colvin also expressed that he felt that Rob Decker was making enough for salary when you considered the overtime.

Leona Colvin stated that she felt that all of the raises should be staggered over the years. She also felt that the village clerk and the village treasurer should not be on the same pay level. Mayor Carpenter did not agree. He stated that he felt that these raises were long overdue.

Trustee Young had questions regarding the \$5,000.00 increase in the village clerk's salary. Trustee Young stated that although he felt that the people in the office were doing a great job, he felt that for a six-month employee, \$5,000.00 was too much of a raise. Trustee Colvin felt that the amount should be less as well. It was suggested that the line should go down from \$45,000.00 to \$42,000.00.

There was also discussion regarding the reduction of the original proposed amount for the board of trustees which was \$14,000.00 to \$12,000.00 and the mayor position from \$7,000.00 to \$6,500.00. This was still an overall increase to the board salaries, but upon further consideration was reduced from its original amount to a \$500 raise per year per person.

The following resolutions to amend the 2020 budget were passed;

Trustee Young proposed a resolution to reduce A.5110.100 Clerk Personnel from \$45,000.00 to \$42,000.00 Trustee Colvin made the motion, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, vote 4-1 resolution passed.

A.0511.006 Appropriated Reserves Fort Hardy from \$2,940.12 to \$10,000.00. A.0909.004 Fund Balance Unreserved from \$16,00.00 to \$12,440.12, motion made by Trustee Drew, seconded by Trustee Colvin, passed by vote 5-0.

A.1010.100 Board of Trustees personal from \$14,000.00 to \$12,000.00 and A.1210.100 Mayor Personal from \$7,000.00 to \$6,500.00. Trustee Colvin made the motion to pass this resolution, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, vote 5-0 resolution passed.

A.8989.400 Other Home and Community Grants from \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00, Trustee Drew made the motion, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, vote 5-0 resolution passed.

A.2770.000 Miscellaneous Revenues from \$18,000.00 to \$6,900.00, A.2144.000 Water Services from \$6,000.00 to \$16,300.00 and A.1717.000 Public Works charges from \$0.00 to \$800.00. Trustee Young made the motion to approve the resolution, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, vote in favor 5-0.

There was discussion regarding the sewer salary increases. For 2019 the Waste water treatment plant operators personnel was budgeted for \$79,383. It has been proposed to increase this amount to \$100,000.00, as the salaries we are currently paying our operators is so far below the other municipalities around us that the village is in danger of losing our staff. (the previous assistant operator left mid-year.)

There was some discussion regarding the raises for the sewer plant operators, but it was decided that the raises were appropriate and necessary. There were no additional questions regarding the sewer fund balance.

Trustee Young made the motion to adjourn the public hearing, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.