

Village of Schuylerville
Budget Meeting 1 Transcript
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Present:

Mayor Dan Carpenter

Trustee Baker

Trustee Colvin

Trustee Drew

Trustee LeBaron

Mayor Carpenter hello alright sorry about that guys I had some work stuff I needed to get done. It's a little bit late, not sure that Bryan is going to be able to make it, so with that we will start the first budget meeting of the year. Welcome. We did talk about this being a quick and easy meeting, it can still be a quick and easy meeting, I just want you to know that I have uploaded some initial figures into my column on the shared spreadsheet, which I am going to pull up now if that's OK with folks. Cory, you're going to have to pull it up because it says that you've disabled participant screen sharing. I think you can right click on me and let me share screen or make me a co-host.

Trustee Baker love your background

Mayor Carpenter Yeah me too, wish I was there

Treasurer Heyman One person is waiting I think it says green 200480

Mayor Carpenter that's Brian

Treasurer Heyman OK so yeah that's

Mayor Carpenter right so so sorry if you click on participants OK well let's see more allow my sister can make you the host file do you want that do it either make me co-host so I'm Dan Carpenter not Daniel Carpenter

Treasurer Heyman yeah, I know. OK, what do you want me to put up, the budget?

Mayor Carpenter Alright so guys you can make you can make the pictures of you me Whitney and everybody you can make this a little bit smaller if you notice on the screen right between the spreadsheet and where the pictures are those 2 vertical bars. If you put your mouse over that you can shrink the size of your Gallery window which is the pictures.

Mayor Carpenter OK, alright, so Cory and I went through and worked on this- Cory can you zoom in a little bit more.

Mayor Carpenter OK so if you guys have your sheets in front of you or if you have this on your screen you can see we kind of started to put in some basic numbers pretty much what we did is we carried over values from last year's budget but let me start with real property taxes. So the \$556,164 that is as high as we can raise taxes without going up over the property cap, so as you can see we can only raise taxes \$8000. Less than that. We don't have a lot of wiggle room in this budget, everybody understand?

Trustee Baker what is the cap I think you guys are going to check on that for me. Is it 1% this year?

Mayor Carpenter it's just a little, well, I mean we didn't reverse engineer it, Cory was able to use the comptroller's website to put in the numbers from last year and they spit out what you can max up to that's it.

Treasurer Heyman yeah there's a there's a website where you do it (the tax cap calculation) on, they do all the calculations for you just enter what your last year's taxes were and then they have the amount that you can raise it up.

Trustee Baker cool, makes a little bit easier?

Treasurer Heyman yeah it makes it easier for them too, they don't have to worry about people making mistakes.

Trustee LeBaron so you don't have to add no numbers Corey?

Treasurer Heyman All you have you do is you submit your tax limit form. You enter what you ended up levying for the year before and then it calculates the number and that's what you have.

Mayor Carpenter OK which I will say that's much easier system than it was over the last couple of years. So let's talk about this; as you can see, as I said, we carried over numbers. I'm just going down real quick line by line to kind of explain why the numbers are that are in there and if anybody has any questions I turned off my Gallery so you just speak right up, OK? Just interrupt me if you guys have questions. So I kept the interest in real properties at \$9000. We thought that was a good mark as, as we've always discussed we really shouldn't be budgeting on that anyway, so we just kept it on where we think is a safe bet. You'll see that there's a reduction in the amount of non-property tax distributed by the County. Right now we're on about a 4% projected deficit in how much sales tax we budgeted to receive, so I carried that 4% over. Now, hopefully next year we're in a little bit better fiscal place County wide economy wise, but I think it's safe to say 4% reduction is a good number to base off of. So you'll see that there's a \$12,000 reduction in that revenue line to base off a 4% loss. Franchises we got the same, treasures fees we kept same vital statistics we added \$200 that had never really been included in the revenue prior to last year so as you can see we've kind of identified that as a revenue stream coming in I think one of those things that was previously lumped in the miscellaneous revenues so as we broke that line up to really reflected true revenues coming in that's where this vital statistics fees comes from. Public works charges this is our DPW doing sewer storm and sewer repairs mostly storm but you'll see on the on the expense side it's storm repairs. So, we're budgeting about \$6000 for our folks to do any sort of storm repairs that need to be done.

Trustee Baker Hey Dan, that midyear \$5803 spent?

Mayor Carpenter that was at one time thing. The majority of that came from the green street repair up by ferry.

Trustee Baker OK just 'cause I mean alright

Mayor Carpenter so there were there were two repairs this year that needed to be done there was one at the top of green street and ferry and then there was another closer to my side of green street across the street between subway and the trailers.

Trustee Baker So Rob doesn't anticipate having to do anymore that work for the rest of the year?

Mayor Carpenter not this year we did a pretty good job with those repairs and what we're really seeing Dan is the culverts..

Trustee LeBaron that's what I was going to ask is that the culverts?

Mayor Carpenter Yep it's not like they're going to go into existing under the road storm kind of structures to fix it's mostly the culverts

Trustee Baker OK OK yeah

Mayor Carpenter but as you can imagine, think about green street. Now, when you come up green or Ferry you see they had to cut into the road and then they had to pipe to the existing storm runoff so that's why you see a higher expense this year but it's not something that we will see again. If we need to look at a reduction in expense and revenue remember this is wash, right? So if we need to look for a reduction in expenses you know I did budget on the high side for this, so just keep that in mind. Revenue on the garbage and refuse, you can see halfway in we're at \$30,000 projected \$55,000 for this year was a good number to be at I want to keep it at that I don't want to project \$60,000 because who knows what next year looks like people more people might turn to twin bridges or whatever I think just keep expectations where they are.

Trustee LeBaron I'm just going to put my 2 cents in with this Dan, just looking at the how many people have gone to private sector. I'm just using my end of town up here, there's 12 people that are with twin bridges right now just on the North End here. I just wanna make sure that this number, that we really look at good just because there's a lot of people in the village that have gone private now.

Mayor Carpenter no problem, I agree with you, and I would also on top of that Tim. I would also build upon if you go through Morgan's run on a Tuesday or Wednesday you will see the amount of folks that have turned to twin bridges, that being said, we have seen the amount of revenue stays steady at 30,000 even with the loss of all those people who went to the private garbage pickup. That's why I'm saying I still think we're on we're on track to actually beat the expected revenues and we've absorbed those private losses as well.

Trustee LeBaron OK, I just put my 2 cents in for that's all

Trustee Baker so we are what, six months in, right? So projected, Tim, we should run around 61,000 for the year this year so I think the 55,000's pretty conservative giving you a 6000 gap and revenue that we will more than likely receive, if that makes sense?

Trustee LeBaron Yep now Dan, here's a quick question on that, is that with the junk week or no or this is just our regular normal garbage?

Mayor Carpenter yes because we did junk week as we pushed it back it fell into this budget cycle, OK? But I think, Cory, and correct me if I'm wrong I think that came to be like ah was it either 1500 in total or revenue wise we got 1500 or was it 2200 it was somewhere in there.

Treasurer Heyman Yes, it was somewhere in there and I did have that broken out, I could probably find that.

Mayor Carpenter but Tim, we'll circle back to that if Cory can find it, OK? To get you the true number.

Trustee LeBaron that's fine no I just I just was wondering if that was also included, that's all yeah I would say that I would feel safe saying that junk week total revenues for junk week were less than \$2500

Trustee LeBaron OK yeah, I think Corey is right on what she said

Mayor Carpenter yeah, we looked at it when it happened.

Trustee LeBaron OK thank you, yeah

Mayor Carpenter so the water service charges that's the insurance and the lead agency that we get every year, so that's a constant, so that stayed the same. Fire Protection services, so let me preface my column real quick 'cause we've run into this. So, in my column, you're going to see a number of highlighted cells. These cells are placeholders because I don't have the true number from Brian yet on what the fire is going to look like. So, to try and give myself some sort of base to figure out how short our overall budget was going to be or how close we were going to be I just kind of carried some numbers over so without knowing what Brian's true budget is for Fire Protection. I just threw 180 in just to call it a day, just to give myself a base. So, these numbers that you see in my column that are highlighted, they're just placeholders that will have to be adjusted to more accurately represent the revenues and expenses for the columns or for the lines they fall under. Does that make sense to everybody?

Trustee Colvin Dan, I think you're right on that one because I don't think there's any raises in the contracts 'cause I think they were for two or three years OK but that will be helpful for this line but you'll see this going through especially more on the expense side there's only a few revenue ones but there's more than a couple of expense ones. So, snow removal other governments, as you can imagine that the school. I'm budgeting low on that if we get more, great, but I'm budgeting low on the schools side of snow removal.

Trustee Baker makes sense

Mayor Carpenter water services, now you see a huge jump in here from what we budgeted in 2021 to what we've actually spent in 2021 that is because we've corrected the incorrect financial accounting that we were doing when we had to look at the cost of the clerk, the labor from our DPW service and

then the 30% additional cost for healthcare insurance and retirement for any work that our DPW did, OK, which is why you see the increase in this from years out, OK? So this now more accurately reflects the expectations for revenues and expenses when it comes to not only this line for revenue, but the two lines that you will see on the expense side, OK? So that number, while it was at 66,000 this year, that number is going to be greatly reduced next year.

Mayor Carpenter Cory, can you just really quickly go to the expense side so I can show why we got to 30,000. So right here, you see on line 108 and 109, you see the water supply personnel and the water supply contractual. The water supply contractual is the accounting for the for the clerk. Corey that actually should be 22,000 alright and then the water supply personnel service on line 108 that is how much our DPW would be reimbursed for any water services. Right now, as you can see in the expense lines for water services, and this is where Cory and Helene's great work with the comptroller's office came together and determined that this is incorrect accounting. We should be definitely breaking these two lines out, so that's what we've done. So that's where now you can see that 108 and 109, that's 8000 and 22,000 right? That's where, we go back to the revenue line, and that's where you see the 30,000 come into play, OK? Now we can talk about 108 and 109 when we get to expenses, but I just want to be able to see the visuals or even bring it back up to the revenue side. Now we're on line 17 miscellaneous revenue (other governments.) This is that annual payment that we have from the water board every year, debt service payment service. Interest and earnings. We budgeted high last year because when we started the budget and approved the budget, interest rates were pretty high, economy was booming, Covid really hadn't hit that much yet. I think we need to readjust that expectation for next year. Interest rates aren't that high, as you can see, we're coming in well under the \$6000 that we budgeted for this year, so I'm recommending we play it a little conservative when it comes to budgeting for next year in interest and earnings on our fund balances and reserves. Permits, I went just a little bit lower. Again, with the economy not doing as well as everyone would hope right now, I don't know how much building is going to be getting done in the village in the next year so I knocked it down 500. I didn't want to half it, I think 4 thousand is a good number based off of where we are looking right now, even with the economy somewhat in a downturn, but again I want to be conservative. The next line, that should be yellow Cory, can you highlight line 22, can you please turn that yellow? That is a \$5000 placeholder because we need to figure out what we're doing with the old garbage truck. I don't know much about old garbage trucks so I just threw 5000 in there because again, I'll be honest with you, I don't know how much that should go for. Maybe that should go for 10,000, maybe it should go for 12, I'm not that person who's going to put that amount in there. But like I said, that's why these things are yellow. They're placeholders, does that make sense? Guys, I can't see you, so you gotta let me know if that makes sense.

Trustee Baker yes it does.

Trustee Colvin I'm just gonna say it might be kind of high

Trustee LeBaron yeah, I I'm thinking you might be high on it too 'cause you gotta remember how old this thing

Trustee Baker it is just a temporary number guys, just a placeholder.

I will mention that so that way when I talk to Rob on Monday you know and he says to me than 2500's pretty good number I won't be like Oh well that's ***** at least you guys are weighing in and let me know, you know what I mean? OK, we didn't have any insurance recoveries or refunds so those are both zeros. Miscellaneous revenues; so because we did such a good job cleaning up this line you can see that we have come in under the expected revenues because Corey did even better job making sure that very few things are going into this kind of what used to be a catchall account as you can see in 2018 and 2019, you know, we were budgeting 45,000 and 24,000 into a line that made no sense. So this is just been cleaned up if you're looking for an explanation of what's going into that budget line Cory can get that to you but again you might want it and I would actually recommend doing that to see if you agree

with my \$2000 estimate but I felt 2000 was a good number based off of what I had seen state revenue sharing this should be.. I don't know why this didn't carry over. Cory, is this, oh this isn't my shared spreadsheet. Could you pull up the shared spreadsheet, just 'cause everything is already yellow I have totals and everything that's already in there.

Treasurer Heyman sorry, I'm just so much more comfortable with Excel file, I'll sacrifice.

OK sorry, so, here we go OK.

Mayor Carpenter yeah there we go, perfect. Alright so Corey we were on to the state sharing yeah OK state revenue sharing that's our AIM money. You gotta zoom out just a little bit 'cause my column isn't in there. There you go, can you see everything OK so now we just if it's possible can you just get me a little bit over to the left a little bit so I can see the line numbers column numbers? There we go, thank you. So again, line 26, state revenue sharing that's the AIM, state aid. We don't know what that's going to be, that's why that's in yellow. So again, it's just a placeholder from what we got last year. You'll go to mortgage tax; we have actually done better than what we had budgeted last year, but again I think let's be conservative and just go with 12,000. I just raised it based off of this year's numbers and only by 1000 just to kind of match where we're around right now. Line 29 is chips. Again that's in yellow because we don't know what it's going to be but I gotta put a number in there so we can have a placeholder. So, until I hear it's going to be less, I think 20,000 is responsible. And then we have no other revenues coming in this year so as you can see on line 37 our total revenues right now are 1.2 million one \$1,202,638.67. So Cory, just scroll right up and bring that A.1010.100 right to the top? Perfect. OK I didn't give myself a raise or you guys a raise. I didn't change our contractual stuff. We lowered the auditor because, it's up to you guys on how you want to do this, but Cory and I talked, and the reason we put 3000 into this line was that we would like to continue working with the group that did our audit for us year after year, and Cory thinks that, and if I'm putting words in your mouth please stop me, but we budgeted 3000 we think that maybe a little bit high for the amount of work that needs to be done with the auditor, just to make sure our books are right at the end of the year so that nobody can say that we aren't bringing in an outside company to audit our books every year. We're not going to spend \$10,000 every year to do a full audit of our books. I think if we continue to work with this auditor to clean up the books to look over the books that Cory is about to submit to the comptroller, I think that would put a lot of peoples mind at ease to make sure that there is someone other than the board members and the village treasurer who are looking at our books to verify that there accurate accountable and transparent does that make sense?

Trustee Baker Yep well at one point, it is just going to be review 'cause we've already cleaned them up, right?

Treasurer Heyman well the 7000 was two years' worth of audit so it makes sense that as we've already done some business with them, you know, I would think we would get a little bit of a reduction and hopefully 3000 covers one year. I mean, it just seems to me like it should.

Trustee Baker I would highlight that one maybe until we have a conversation with the auditor. Just 'cause if you look at it, if it was one year; and me I used to do that, we never went in and came in less the next year. You know what I mean? 'Cause they have pay increases, they have to cover overhead increases on their end, unless maybe you guys propose to them that we'd like to do a three year contract with them.

Mayor Carpenter to Dan's point, and I think Dan that's one of the things that you know I agree totally with what you're saying like who's gonna come in year after year with a lower quote right that's not going to happen but word what Corey I think was trying to do and I think maybe I overlooked anyone Corey was trying to say is that the \$7000 was for a two year audit we're proposing to bring that down to a one year so that they would just be looking at 2021 to make sure that the books are good and that's it, not a two year process like they did before.

Trustee Baker now I understand that, but that math right there would be 3500.

Mayor Carpenter Oh yeah

Trustee Baker and that's what I'm saying I if anything I think that would go up to 3700 maybe a couple \$100 more a year unless we went to them and said hey we'd like to lock you in at a rate for the next two years. Like, to look at this year's next year you know what I mean not saying do two years at once but we want to lock you in for the next two years audits. This year you come do it at this rate next year you come in at the same rate.

Mayor Carpenter gotcha.

Trustee LeBaron is that something Cory can reach out right now and talk to them about?

Treasurer Heyman yeah, I'll call them tomorrow.

Trustee LeBaron like Dan says maybe we can get you know get that number a little more..

Mayor Carpenter up or down Yep

Trustee Baker I would pitch it to them that hey we loved working with you guys, we got a lot of value out of working with you we'd like to extend this over a multi-year contract but we need you as you know where municipality we need you to put pen to paper

Mayor Carpenter OK so we will highlight that number and come back to it at a later date. Treasures Cory's got 2% raise that's what that's reflecting, treasurer contractual, we brought them down to 800 because we think the NYCOM, if it's face to face in person, it should be in Saratoga Springs so it should reduce the amount of overhead that we have for the NYCOM conferences for both Helene and Cory, so we knocked it down 200.

Trustee LeBaron now will that include Demarko? Did'nt she go to something last year or this year that we signed for?

Mayor Carpenter that's planning board, they have their own line and actually we'll get to that and we actually increased that a little bit, but I'll talk about that when we get there.

Trustee LeBaron OK thanks.

Mayor Carpenter next, you'll see the next two lines have zeros now. The fiscal agent fees contractual, that is in case we have an underbalance fee charged to us, so again I'm using fictitious numbers but if I had a bank account that had you know \$1000 in and I agree with the bank that they would be able to charge me a fee if I go under a certain amount say 300 they'd be able to charge me a \$5 fee. We have those damn things for some reason the banks like to make money we all know it's a racket. I'm not budgeting for us to get under that mark and as you can see it's a \$56 expense if we are.. 11, I'm sorry \$11.43 that we've had all year long if we run into this next year, I think we can just find \$20 out of peter's pocket to pay Paul. I don't think we budget this, does it make sense?

Trustee Baker I agree

Mayor Carpenter I just hate to have a line that \$20 on it. On the clerks personnel line I want to have a discussion with you guys on this but I don't want to take up a lot of time with this meeting so I want you all to take the next month, or whatever, until our next meeting, and give this some thought. This is more than a 2% raise. This is why it's on my column, just this is my argument. Helene, in my mind, has cleaned up a lot of the messes that we saw leftover from Becky and Rose. Not only that, but year after year between the years she's been here she has saved the village more than the amount of money that I'm proposing to raise her. Just last week she caught a \$2400 reoccurring annual cost that we have been paying since 2002 for a service that we are no longer using. Haven't used since 2002. Apparently, we had been contracted with Verizon to pay \$200 a month for two signals. One in Northumberland and one somewhere else in Easton for fire signals we haven't been operating since 2002. So right there alone, she saved us \$2400 annually moving forward year after year. Her great work with the health insurance vendor this year alone has saved us \$1500 and then eventually we're going to get down to line 60 or 58 building personnel service. I'll just talk about it now. You'll see a reduction of that in half because Danielle, as you all know, has put in her two weeks resignation. She's working till the end of the month. Cory and Helene have agreed to take on the responsibility of cleaning the office and I'm going to enter in

to discussions with Brian about the cleaning of the meeting room. Now, if the Firehouse would still like to hire someone to clean their dial room or whatever else Danielle was doing over there outside of the meeting room and the village office, more power to them; they can talk to somebody about paying. Or their other rooms within the Firehouse and their functions that's fine, but I'm not looking to hire someone to replace Danielle at Danielle's level of work that she was doing, because Corey and Helene have agreed to clean the bathrooms upstairs in the meeting room and clean the bathroom downstairs in the office, take care of the vacuuming. And they are already, because of the disinfecting that we're doing, they're doing the deep cleans every day that they're in the office, so I don't see the need to bring back someone at the cost of Danielle. Therefore, between phone, the fire savings that Helene has found us, the health care insurance for this year and the promised savings on housekeeping, this is why I'm recommending that Helene sees a little bit more in her salary. Again, that's my argument for this. If folks want to think about this, give it some thought, if you have opinions now by all means I'm opening up the floor but if you're like Dan, you're just springing this on us, I'm not ready to talk about it, that's cool, let's talk about it after the next meeting you know? We have time

Trustee LeBaron just going back in the past, um I think we've only had a couple of cleaners as far as I can remember, you know that actually come in and did it. I don't think that's a bad idea to have those two do it.

Mayor Carpenter yeah, they're willing to do it. The only thing that I'm going to have to try and figure out, as a result of this, guys, is the bathrooms down at Fort Hardy. I mean I'm trying to wrap my brain around this. I mean could we hire someone to do it?

Trustee LeBaron I guess, but with Travis being part time I'm just saying that could be a task for him

Mayor Carpenter it could be and at the same time if things don't work out, I'm not saying you have to have to do this but I've been a janitor, I've worked as a janitor. I don't mind taking a rotating schedule for 12 weeks, and saying that I'm going to clean the bathrooms twice a week for a week and I'll probably do it twice during the whole year and it saves the village money it's a 5 minute job and you know I've done that kind of stuff it's not below me none of this work is below me but I'm just saying if we can't find someone who would just clean the bathrooms two times a week at Fort Hardy you know if we did it on a rotating basis if people want to pitch in I'm just saying. I know Dan Baker loves that idea. But anyway, so just give Helene some thought that's all I'm asking. Go into it with a little bit of an open mind and if people are cool that great, if we've got objections or they want to talk about it I'm all for that. We're doing this for, this is for everybody to speak up and talk about it.

Trustee Baker this is just the bathroom outside of the office? Correct? Fort Hardy bathroom is the only area outside the office that gets cleaned right?

Mayor Carpenter correct, yep.

Trustee Baker I agree with that Cory and Helena which they're probably doing already anyway you know based on your description and I know I've been in there watching them wipe everything down every day whenever I've been in there, I think it makes sense not to hire another cleaner, right and if you were to take that savings from not hiring another cleaner that's a that's a \$2000 savings and what Helene is asking for is 2160

Trustee Baker well I look at the Helena thing is I think that's the second thing she saved us money on in the last month I believe that's a recurring \$2400 a year that she's provided savings on I think that well covers the increase for this year and going forward

Mayor Carpenter but again, we don't have to decide on that right now. Cory would you actually make that yellow just so it's a reminder for us to go back to it during our next budget meeting.

Trustee LeBaron Dan, by any chance is there any way that we could go back and figure how long we've had a cleaner?

Trustee LeBaron yeah 'cause like I said the only other one that I can remember off the top of my head was Linda Bruce.

Mayor Carpenter yeah so, I could tell you, Danielle and I were talking about it, last night and she's been doing it since her second youngest was three, so she's been doing it since gosh, 2005.

Trustee LeBaron and then prior to her was I believe Linda Bruce yeah

Mayor Carpenter so Cory if you look at the whole budget that would show us or all payroll, I guess

Treasurer Heyman so basically Helene and I are cleaning the office every time we leave anyway. The place has never been so clean, and you know, I'd be happy to do it for Helene

Trustee LeBaron so I guess Dan my question to you is the biggest concern that your is Fort Hardy then during the obviously the warmer weather because everything is winterized now, down there

Mayor Carpenter during spring summer and fall is my concern and that's why I think for \$1800 if somebody can work those six months coming in two nights a week working less than an hour you know six months so that's going to be 24 weeks it's 40 it's 48 hours right if I'm doing the math right 48 hours total and that's an 1800 dollar line, Someone will make out pretty well, you know what I'm saying? Does that make sense?

Trustee LeBaron no, I'm listening, just if those two can't get down there to do it, I mean is there something that prior to you right

Mayor Carpenter no, Helene and Corey are not going to go down and do the youth center.

Trustee LeBaron that's what I'm saying is they're going to stay where Dan just said at the at the Firehouse, they're up there for the bathroom issues. Down there, I think we could somehow, like you said, get on a revolving thing with the DPW you know, clean it during a regular work day.

Mayor Carpenter there's always a new guy

Trustee Baker well I know they've tried this in the past, 'cause I know Dan likes to throw me out there that I enjoy cleaning that bathroom from working with the OSAA 'cause they are primarily the ones using that bathroom. They should take ownership and responsibility for maintaining and cleaning. Yeah, I know the troopers use it.

Mayor Carpenter but Dan, that's what I did this year with the travel baseball team. They were responsible two times a week for cleaning out the bathroom.

Trustee Baker and I think that solves that problem right there.

Mayor Carpenter exactly

Trustee LeBaron so Dan let me ask you a question; how long, even on off hours when there's no youths down there, how much is the public actually using that, like the rowing and stuff like that?

Mayor Carpenter so this year, let's not talk about this year because this year I locked the bathrooms except for the baseball games. Normally those bathrooms are open 24/7 from the minute OSA starts in the spring until football OSA is done in the fall. And I would say, Tim, that, because I think you're heading the right direction, like how much use is it getting, right? I would say that I would expect to see more use with the trail system, until the visitor center gets opened, so that makes sense, yeah.

Trustee LeBaron and that was the exactly where I was just going to go with that, is when that opens upoff that we might be able to take that you know and doing limited hours maybe just once a week down there

Mayor Carpenter right agreed so I think for this year because the visitor center still, I'm gonna tell you right now, the visitor center is still up in up in the air. I would recommend, I think you know, obviously we're going to look at our visitor's center but that's an expense I still have already budgeted for the cleaning of the bathrooms. I think it's still going to be 24/7 for this year because I don't think we're going to be ready with the new visitor center for this year, unless some miracles happen, and some people volunteer a lot of work.

Trustee LeBaron So I mean, like you say Dan made some points here, other people here use the facilities down there maybe they could chip in also

Trustee Baker Yep, agreed. OK, alright.

Trustee LeBaron so I like the idea giving Helene the raise that's just my 2 cents

Mayor Carpenter alright well again with the others if you're not comfortable you know right now just let's let's revisit this at the next meeting again moving on to line 51 clerk contractual, I dropped it out 800 from 1000 because again NYCOM will be in Saratoga this year. Now last year, we gave Dave a 2% raise. I am proposing to give David a 2% raise this year because, if you remember the last meeting, he agreed to do some-Cory help me with the language-

Treasurer Heyman so the bans work, instead of hiring Bond and Shoenick who get 1000 bucks a pop just to renew the bans, which to me looks like copy and paste, you know what I mean. He said he's done those before. So that would be an added responsibility for him and it could be a big cost savings for us

Mayor Carpenter right, so he agreed to save us a grand in in in that ban paperwork and a 2% raise for him is \$180.00, so and if you if you were to go back and look at Dave's pay schedule and though I know Dave doesn't do a whole lot for the village, I get it he doesn't spend a lot of time, we're not a huge account, right? But if you went back to, I think, about 2014 I think or 2015 when I first joined Dave was still making 9000 back then so he hadn't seen a raise in God knows how long before we gave him the one in 2021. Again, think it over, you don't need to answer me right now, but this is, I'm just telling you, why I'm justifying putting in 2% in there for Dave. OK law contractual. Cory can you help me out with this one? Because I had questions with this and then I don't remember what they were.

Treasurer Heyman that's the same thing. That's the one, you know, where we have to renew those bans every year. It's hugely expensive so, I mean 900 would hopefully not even be what we would need to spend, but we do want to put something in there just in case, you know, Dave decides he can't do it or who knows what happens. The fire one, the fire truck is all set as a five year one, so that's already done. We're going to need to renew the dump truck and the garbage truck for several more times.

Mayor Carpenter engineering contractual zero electrician I don't have any electricity that I'm planning on budgeting for, so I left it at zero. If you guys have some ideas please fill that in, but I don't like budgeting for some stuff that we don't know when it's going to happen. Records management, zero. Buildings personnel service; I just talked to you guys all about, that's Danielle, that's why I'm cutting that in half. Buildings contractual. OK, so if you remember, a while back, Helene had talked about creating an account object A.1620.401 for utilities and then A.1620.402 for another line item. I don't have the email up, but for another line item. So, she's going to try and get those done by the next budget meeting. So what I've done, is I've put a placeholder of 40,000 in there knowing that there's going to be an additional two sub categories created under this budget line. So that number you see, 40,000, right now, next month that might be at like 30,000, object 401 might be like 8000 and the third line in this sub category might be 2000. Does that make sense to folks?

Trustee Baker just keep in mind we gotta tally up their whole 1620 column, right?

Mayor Carpenter correct, yeah, correct. OK, so central garage equipment keeping that flat at 23,900, only because Rob hasn't given me.. can you highlight that one too, please Cory? Only because Rob hasn't given me any expectations for any large equipment or even small equipment that he might have to buy or replace this year, so I just did a carry over and I'm sure you guys all were paying attention, but between the expense and the revenue lines there was a deficit. So, if we're looking at areas where we're going to have to cut some funds to make up some deficits, 23,900 is one of those ones that I don't really know if that's a true and accurate number, it might be less. So just keep that in mind, right? Central garage contractual. Same as the buildings contractual. That will eventually be broken up into 3 lines A.1640.400, right? 401, 402 and a 400. So again, I put 35,000 in there but that might look a little bit different but it's still a total of 35,000 when everything is all said done. Does that make sense? sure

Trustee LeBaron Dan, quick question on the garage thing from last year. Did Rob end up and doing the lights? 'cause I know we budgeted for it.

Mayor Carpenter I don't know, that's a good question so that's going to be under central garage equipment

Trustee LeBaron right that's why I'm asking that, I think it was what 7000?

Mayor Carpenter yes, something like that. Yeah, you're right. I'll try and talk to him about seeing if he can get that done this year.

Trustee LeBaron 'cause that was budgeted for last year correct so

Mayor Carpenter yes for this fiscal year, yes. Yep yeah yeah yeah right OK I see what you're saying right 'cause if you look at 2020 we only have 15,000 in there you see it increase of about \$8000 because we did budget the lights that's right you're correct you're right you're correct I'll make sure that I'll talk to him.

Trustee Baker that's what I was just going to say if we keep that number where you have it now, would that still workout well if he hadn't done it yeah but he's done at the lower it by the 8000 I would think.

Mayor Carpenter right, if he's done it, then I'll lower it. But what I'm saying though is, actually Tim, I like your idea of reaching out to him now, because I don't know if you've looked at the weather, but I haven't seen a significant snowfall forecast until like 2 1/2 weeks out from now. So, you know, they might have five guys in the shop after the covid stuff happens next week after everyone gets back from their Covid breaks you know they could have stuff to do in the shop for the next week and a half. So OK now we're onto fuel. I'm keeping fuel costs where they are. I know we haven't spent a lot on fuel costs, but you know we haven't had a lot of snow fall right now but I think it's prudent to keep the fuel costs where it's at right now. Data processing, keeping it flat. I've talked to Corey, I know if you look at year to date and you see that we spend 14,000 already; we're not gonna spend 28,000. There was a lot of things that we've already paid for up front, so we only have about \$300 reoccurring monthly for the rest of the year for our contract and it provides a buffer for Corey to buy some more service time if needed if something goes wrong.

Trustee Baker so most of these are annual costs, right? like just one-time fees, right?

Mayor Carpenter yeah. Unallocated insurance keep flat. Corey can you bring municipal line 55 or 65 over the top wherever? Thank you. This is our municipal Association dues that's our chamber and some other fees that we pay for. Tax assessment on our properties. Not anticipating an increase in our assessment so I'd like to keep that around 12,500, we've never gone above that, so I think it's a safe budgeting amount. Crossing guards I did not put a 2% raise in there I kept that flat, traffic contractual, flat, fire contractual; OK let's talk about this..

Trustee LeBaron so, back on the crossing guard thing there, were we able to get any money from the school?

Mayor Carpenter no, that's why we're down to one.

Trustee LeBaron No I meant financially, yeah, I know we're only down to 1 one person, but I didn't know if we were able to reach out to Ryan.

Mayor Carpenter that's all 'cause we're under budget. OK, so this fire contractual line. So, you guys saw that there was \$180,000 revenue amount under the fire line but if you recall Whitney correctly, he said we need to start breaking up the fire line on the expense side so that's what we have done that's why you don't see \$180,000 right here. So, what we've done is we've taken out a couple of things. We highlighted the fact that we should be keeping the Schuyler hose contractual separate from the fire contractual for the amount of 36,000 so we've built in another line for that which you will also see as Cory goes down a little bit further. Now we have also pulled out the cost of the fire engine ban at \$17,990.30 and we have also pulled out and identified the fire truck interest on that ban at 1,298.35. OK, so that all totals at 36,000, 17,000 and that other, the ban principal interest, that all comes to 180,000 on the revenue side and just now split up in four different lines, OK? I think you guys remember I can't see. (all trustees agree)

Mayor Carpenter OK, safety inspector. I did not give Gil a raise. I don't know about you but I'm fine with that. I mean do I need to go into why I didn't do that or does everybody understand why? I understand when I was on vacation I came back and found out that we had two businesses that no one knew about!

It is our villages turn to incur some of the cost for his training but that's a contractual line for him; that went up from \$500 last year to \$900 this year and it will go back down to \$500 next year.

Trustee Drew should you make that an even thousand maybe just to cover 'cause 2020 was the last time we had to incur their cost and 2020 was \$1100.

Mayor Carpenter there was an additional cost in that line in that year because I'm pretty sure we did not pay one of the previous years and the town picked it up and they asked for their reimbursement. Next is the street maintenance. So, this is our first yellow cell when it comes to DPW hours OK? I did not yet sit down and calculate a 2% increase on everybody and then use the formula to spread it out over the lines to make sure that we are accurately reflecting the amount of hours that they are putting in each one of our areas; street maintenance, snow removal, garbage and refuse, To get into the allocation you just did the math I just did a 2% raise on the amount that was in the 2021 final stage, it's not accurate it's a placeholder. It's not too far off but it's not 100% accurate; again, I only did that just to get us a base so that people can get an idea of what that is going to come around. We're going to have to sit down, look at projected hours in overtime and do the real math 'cause people are asking, the public, at some point we will have to have put the data together. Right now, I get what you're saying and I just didn't have time to do that for this meeting. OK, now that being said, Cory can you do a little bit of the explaining around the water services for me please, because you and I were talking about how this is going to have to be spread out a little bit right?

Treasurer Heyman so historically, when payroll was done by the people before me, I mean Rose, the water clerk expenses were posted to 8350.100 which is a personal account. The water clerk is not personal, it should go to contractual. So, that account was being posted to when it actually should have been a .400. That really put a big kink in our whole budget last year because when we do the DPW lines we have those accounts all posted to reflect the DPW pay rate hours. So, adding that water clerk into the equation was eating into DPW time is what I'm saying and we didn't really catch this at first. I caught it when I did an expense ledger for the point 100 and I said wait a minute why is this here?! By then we had already passed the budget. So that whole configuration is going to have to be rethought. I went back two years before we had the water here and there's significant difference in the amount of cost for DPW than what we were experiencing in 2018 and 2019. This year it's all corrected, this year we created that .400 account right in the beginning of the year; that the first thing we did was we made a budget adjustment. We'll have a better idea this year and then going forward we'll have good information to look back on and have a better idea how to split that out.

Mayor Carpenter I may have jumped the gun a little bit by asking for you to explain that but when we get to the water services expense side this will make a little bit more sense, but it affected a number of lines which is why I kind of asked her to bring it up now. OK well it will make more sense when we get down to the to the other lines I was just talking about. Alright Streets contractual that's the amount of work that we agree to pay to repair streets without knowing what CHIPS we will get this year. I've reduced the amount that we're going to spend 'cause again you know we were down 12,000 alone in sales tax revenue so I'm trying to figure out where we're cutting budgets and if we can only afford about \$25,000 towards roads with our chips and our aim and we only have \$61,000 to work with that's what it is. I think we're all on board, I think we when we last met, we discussed that we would like to be pretty conservative on expenses this year. If there's projects we can potentially put off 'cause we know COVID's going to run into June right? And we're concerned about having our DPW working together, they are already doing impressively doing staggered shifts, so yeah you're probably going to put some of these projects off so that makes sense to me 110%. So alright I don't know if anybody else feels that way (all agree)

Trustee LeBaron is there any big things though that Rob has talked about that is gonna need any major attention?

Mayor Carpenter he has yet to come to me with what he would like to re pave in 2021-2022 budget, also this is kind of me being conservative putting a number in there knowing that this may have to change a little bit depending on what Rob tells me and when I say a little bit I feel there's maybe a \$5000 wiggle room here but that's about it you know? Because again we just don't know, no one really knows what's gonna happen, but as long as I think we communicate the priorities, to Tim's point what are his main priorities you know and then we'd have to assess from there OK so I'm going to pause. Just as we've come to a point where I think this needs to be said so that people know. Last year, when the heroes act was put together and passed in the house NYCOM sent its elected officials on their emails municipal breakdown by municipality of how much local and how much federal aid they would have got through the local and state municipal aid that was within the heroes act, OK? So, they were actually getting to get bids nearly double the amount of our County sales tax revenue so where we normally budget 222,000 in annual sales tax revenue coming from the county, they were giving us 360,000 OK so we would have had actually a surplus in the amount that they were getting us. Now, when we talk about roads like that and we talk about budgeting 25,000, if they happen to get their stuff together and then they pass a package that includes local and state municipal aid I am sure that NYCOM will again provide us a breakdown by municipality of how much a we should be expecting for whatever bill gets passed. I am hoping that if they do this and this falls within the window of our budget not being adopted yet we can go back and amend the budget to reflect revenues coming in from that that municipal aid package but until I've seen something packaged signed passed and signed by the president, this is why I'm going conservative till I see what we get.

Trustee Baker sounds good.

Mayor Carpenter OK, chips 20,000 again a placeholder. We will know by the end of middle of January what the governor wants to give and chips of course we all know the legislators going to fight for more, but I say we budget what the governor says he's going to give in chips and be happy when the legislature is able to get us more. I would rather go with the conservative proposal from the governor and then if they up it we're winning yes and again that should be but you wanna keep it right at 20 then? Yes? OK, knowing that the governor is going to try and do a 10% or 20% reduction so that might really come in we might need to adjust that by our next meeting to say 16 or 18,000. OK so then we have snow personal service; this again this is our DPW hours, this is a placeholder that's just 18,637.02 that's all just 2% increase that's not a real number but it's close. Snow removal contractual that's our salt. I need to touch base with Rob because not that it matters for the next budget cycle, but we haven't spent any money on salt. I find that hard to believe.

Trustee Baker well he had said they had gotten a load so maybe we haven't been invoiced yet

Trustee LeBaron but I don't think we had the gotten a load, that's what he told me was he thought he had enough for two snowfalls but I don't think that 3 foot snowfall was one of them snowfalls so no but like he was saying that you have leftover from last year that's what I'm saying so he said he had enough for 2/2 snowfalls he felt he had numbers two snowfalls but I don't think when he said that to me I don't think it was it was prior to the big snowfall we got so I don't think he he said two snowfalls with the idea that one of them was gonna be 3 feet alright you

Trustee LeBaron so let me ask you this if he goes off the numbers from the previous year, I'm not talking total amounts you know, but total tonnage that he used from the previous years.

Mayor Carpenter that's what I'm wondering OK, because I think if I'm not mistaken, I think he had to buy some salt and that spreadsheet doesn't reflect that purchase that two meetings ago he mentioned they had gotten a load and I don't think we've been invoiced for it.

Trustee Baker and I don't know if it was the County or the town ordering it they were going to bill us 'cause they're filling up the same shed so it's probably timing of invoicing

Mayor Carpenter OK next we're on to street lighting contractual. I have reduced this by \$2,000 because the project for the LED swapout should start and be completed hopefully before the next fiscal year

begins. At that point, according to National Grid our savings should be about \$2000 a year annual cost. So sidewalk contractual, I am only allocating \$5,000. Whoever, you know, does their sidewalk first Tim, what we do first is we would spend down the budgeted \$5000 for that OK so if you decided, if all your neighbors and you got together and you decided that you were going to replace your sidewalks and it came to \$4500 we would use the budgeted \$5000 to take that \$4500 from first replaced their sidewalks and they came at us for half the reimbursement on that that's obviously you're eating the remaining \$500 but then we'll have that reserve line that reserve account to help cover some of that cost as well OK? Coming out of your sidewalk reserve from fund balance. And I don't want to call it a sidewalk reserve that's why I'm calling it a beautification because one year we might get a request for \$5000 for help on trees and you see what I'm saying? So, if we if we call the reserve sidewalk reserve I can't use that money to take down trees but if you call it beautification we have two pots of money in there that I can use for you or does that make sense?

Trustee LeBaron Yep

Trustee Baker OK you just don't want to put yourself in a corner with the money

Mayor Carpenter exactly, I wanna have flexibility. OK, next is playgrounds. So this is this account this line is seeing an increase for two reasons; one is always the chips that we need to replace, two, instead of getting nailed for a big woodchuck removal I think we should start doing some annual pest control down there to help try and keep our costs down, to start to do preventative maintenance in the property down there. And this year, as part of the basin project that was funded mostly by a donor, and some by private money by private businesses, the canal and the basin were sprayed for the algae and the duckweed. That offer has not been extended year after year after year, it's a 2-application process. \$2500 is what we still need to do that with the water features currently in there. It will help deplete the forming of the algae and it will reduce the amount of algae that is formed. If we were to enter into a contract for \$2500, he would not charge us the full \$2500 if he doesn't do \$2500 worth of removal, does that make sense? I would like to enter into a contract with him this year to do a spray in the spring and then in the summer which would be covered in this fiscal year, but as long as we enter into a contract with them during this fiscal year, that summer spraying is still covered by that expenditure within this fiscal year. That's kind of the approach I want to take with this, is going year by year by year to see if we have the money. If not, you know it is what it is. That's a \$2500 expenditure; that's a luxury not a necessity.

Trustee Baker are you staying focused down just down by the post office?

Mayor Carpenter I'm saying at Red's road and the basin. Because what we found this year was that we took care of all the stuff in the basin first and we did not touch the stuff at the canal on Red's Rd. A month later the stuff from the canal started feeding back into the basin and he had to do an additional spray whereas if we had done an application on both places it wouldn't have. He technically did three sprays this year and if we just take care of the canal and the basin at the same time, he thinks he's going to be able to get it down to two, but if we don't take care of the canal, that's upstream, so it's just going to move downstream into the basin and we're going to get screwed on that if we don't. Next is the youth center that's still another \$6000. The historian line, now that line is actually going to get broken up. That's going to be another one of those lines we are going to break out. The historian and the visitor center employees.

Trustee Baker Yep that makes sense, it gives it more visibility, right?

Mayor Carpenter so that's where you're going to see another one of those additional lines created, that's why you see it in yellow. I did only put a 2% raise in there for the historian no one else got a 2% raise in there for that for that line.

Trustee LeBaron Now, going forward with this, will we still be employing visitor center people when the new visitor center gets opened?

Mayor Carpenter yes, I think that's a discussion that we need to sit down and have with Joe Finan and determine what their expectations are as far as us being good partners. I'm not committing to anything until I sit down and talk to them about what they're thinking about for scheduling. It's just technically, that visitor center isn't the village's, right? That's why I'm asking, monetary wise for future or budgets right? So while we are a member of the partnership, that technically is not our land that is not our property that is not our visitor center so I just want to sit down and talk to the partnership, talk with Joe Finan and find out what their expectations are and then bring that back to the board and say here's what they're asking for, maybe we can find a compromise. If it's not reasonable, OK. I don't want to go in there with a closed mind where I'm saying, "now we aren't going to staff anything, you guys are on your own," but I also don't want to come into this agreement thinking that we're going to staff it 24/7. And then you'd have to have that conversation of, every partner would have to split the cost for that operating, right?

Trustee LeBaron Yep

Mayor Carpenter OK, so next is celebration, staying flat at \$2500. We may see that that might be saved this year, we might not have that expenditure, but Byron might come to us, if we see the COVID numbers drop before June 1st, Byron may want to do something like a celebration. Byron may come to us before the end of this budget season to ask if he can still put on a firework show if the numbers have gone down and everybody's vaccinated.

Trustee Baker yeah, you know I was going to say, there's your algae money right there!

Mayor Carpenter exactly, I know, that's the other thing I'm hoping is he doesn't come at me. So 2700 is the old peoples bus, the seniors trip, that was terrible..

Trustee Baker we're all gonna be there someday

Mayor Carpenter OK Whitney, I know that you're looking at me right now and you're looking at this spreadsheet going Dan, I don't see anything in there for zoning. So, we did still put a \$10,000 contingency into this budget until we know what we're going to incur, because Leona has graciously reached out to the engineer who was from CT Male, to see if he could do the work and he has offered to do some of the work pro bono. Some cost may occur in passing it you know that, we know that there's going to be a cost to run a public hearing, right? You have to announce it, there's the cost of the newspaper. I don't know exactly when that's going to be. That might be in this budget cycle or it might be in next, so I don't know when to budget. Eventually, what we will have to budget is for the personnel service for secretary and for the contractual for training classes, but I don't know which budget. If we have to allocate that to 2021, we can take it from contingency and move it into that. It's not that I'm ignoring you, Whitney, I just don't know what to budget. And not this year but two years prior to that I don't want to put money at this line and then not end up spending it at all, taxing the taxpayers for something that we don't provide. When we have a contingency, we are already charging them for contingency anyway.

Trustee Baker so what's happened, in a sense, is they've already paid for it over the last several years if you want to think of it that way.

Mayor Carpenter that's the other reason I didn't put it in there, but Whitney, it's not my plan to start it with no money so it doesn't get done. It's just I don't know exactly what to put in there, OK? Give me a thumbs up if you're good with that, OK? Planning board personnel, Anna, contractual personnel stayed flat, contractual went up \$200 because we have the new gentleman Bruce who needs to get some training in I think Darren DeMarco also needs to and Ronnie Myers may need to get some credits in, so I'm expecting some additional costs this year to make sure that they can maintain their ability to stay on the planning board so I built their costs in there. Storm sewers, there's that \$6000 that we saw on the revenue side that we were talking about. That's a wash. Storm sewers contractual, that's them blowing out some storms for us. Refuse and garbage personal, again, this is a placeholder for DPW salary. Refuse and garbage contractual, it's around that not exactly 27,000 for the hauling and maintenance of the

trucks and I want to say truck because it's going to be a new truck and there shouldn't be that much maintenance.

Trustee Baker that's also the expense to the dump, correct? For the contractual line?

Mayor Carpenter yeah, correct. OK so I kept that I kept that flat because we've been able to keep that pretty flat. And one of the other things, that if you take note of these numbers, the increased cost in stickers is raising our revenue, and to Tim's point earlier, because we've seen residents go to the private companies our hauling costs have gone down, OK? So, I'm not trying to say that I am padding this line at all but there might be an accidental pad in there because our hauling costs have gone down but this has only been one year and that's hard to build a trend off of so I'm trying to be conservative.

Trustee Baker very difficult to forecast when you don't have historical trail.

Mayor Carpenter so thank you, those were the words I was looking for! That's why we have an accountant. Common water supply, OK, so these are the two lines that I was talking about with the water service. The revenue side was 30,000, OK? And common water supply personnel is 8000. Cory, can you fix the next line? That contractual for the clerk to read 22 000. Alright, garden community, great people leave them flat. Trees contractual, again I just talked to you guys about that. Having it in the other half into the reserve line, taking that out of the fund balance. State retirement, keeping flat at 42 again we normally get a bill we know what exactly to expect depending on that. We haven't gotten that bill yet so we just put a 2% increase from last year's. So, Cory, actually can you take the 20, that line, can you make that yellow? Because again, that's a placeholder line until we know. I kept the hospital and medical insurance where it is. Yes, OK, Helene saved us \$1500 but as she showed you this \$1500 is between January and December we don't know what January 2022 is going to bring, so I'm just keeping that 78000, rather than say OK let's reduce that by 1500 dollars I think it's frivolous at that point it might come back to small dollars.

Trustee Baker I agree with that that.

Mayor Carpenter next is our debt service that we have paid for the water, that's a wash on the other side. Next are the bans for the fire, the dump and the garbage truck. These are fixed amounts. Nothing changes here, so there's nothing really up for debate but this is what it is.

Trustee Baker 730, is that payload almost done?

Mayor Carpenter payload is done. Those are just lines that we haven't removed yet.

Treasurer Heyman the payload was done in 2018. Once we go on the next year it will drop off.

Trustee Colvin OK, can we also put on there how many years of payments we got left on that?

Mayor Carpenter Cory, can you put those, perfect, right there yeah. Good idea. So, Cory, can you go back in between revenue and expenses so you are in the middle, to show the difference between the two, there you go. So based off of the numbers that we have plugged in here where there is a \$41,000 deficit now, what is our current fund balance unallocated? It's on the high side of half a million, yeah, so \$41,000 deficit; now I want you guys to just keep that in mind. But over here, this fiscal year we budgeted \$51,000 of fund balance. If the expenses stay the way that they are forecasted, I think that we're only going to dip into that 51,000 by about 7 to 10,000 dollars we will not have used all \$51,000 of our fund balance unless some crazy stuff happens, OK? We shouldn't run into that money.

Trustee Baker what is the municipal suggestion from NYCOM, Cory?

Treasurer Heyman 30% total annual revenue.

Mayor Carpenter So we have more than enough fund balance to use, OK?

Trustee Baker we have more than double right?

Mayor Carpenter But what I'm getting at though, is year after year we've done this, OK? We have budgeted fund balance to help cover these deficits

Trustee Baker and not spent it, I get it.

Mayor Carpenter last year we had to dip in only \$7500, right? And that was with some extra projects that we had done, if you remember, we had the towpath and the bike path thing by the visitor center

and the driveway. So, we had some extra costs, that's why we kind of built into that reserve this year. I don't think we're going to spend the 51 thousand I think we're going to spend about \$7000 worth of fund balance again, OK? So yes, right now our unallocated fund balance, Dan, is probably close I think it's somewhere between 550,000 and 600,000.

Trustee Baker So the projected would be 330,000 fund balance based on the revenue stream we're showing that we would need to hold on hand.

Mayor Carpenter So what I'm saying is, that on paper right now it's somewhere between 550,000 and 600,000 and allocating \$51,000 to this year's fiscal budget I would suggest I'm going to say that we're probably going to throw another 40,000 back into the fund balance after this fiscal year because we won't have spent that money. Remember, you have the unallocated fund balance and then you have allocated, right? This \$51,000 is not sitting and resting in the unallocated fund balance 'cause it's allocated, it's over here. We're going to take that money that we don't spend out of that allocated fund balance and book that back into unallocated fund balance, which will be right around the 40,000 that we are short for this year's budget

Trustee Baker well I think that, definitely I agree with you on that. My thing is as we go further into the budget process, that this is something to reassess as we go forward

Mayor Carpenter Right, 'cause we gotta keep an eye on that that's an expectation right that's not a guarantee I totally agree with you, Dan because if we start going into if we start dipping into that 51,000 for fund balance a little bit more it's going to start to hurt. To put another \$41,000 worth of the fund balance for this year's budget for next year.

Trustee Baker but I don't think it'll hurt though, that's what I'm trying to explain you. You're carrying an extra 260,000 in fund balance and I get what you're saying, if we watch our expenses the rest of the year in a sense it's a wash, right?

Mayor Carpenter agreed, but my concern, I guess, my real concern, is that balancing a budget using that amount of fund balance year after year after year, if we were truly using that amount of fund balance, is not sustainable. On paper, it looks like we're using that amount of fund balance year after year after year, however, we haven't been, is what I'm getting at. So, yes, I'm a little bit worried but I'm not that worried, because we haven't been balancing the budget using 10 or 15% based off of fund balance. Does that make sense now?

Trustee Baker I get what you're saying, Yep. And I guess I'm trying to alleviate your worry that I feel it's there if we needed it that's what that's already taxpayer dollars that they paid for services in prior years (Mayor leaves the room to get a charger for the laptop)

Trustee Baker OK, if that makes sense to you guys, what I was just saying, I agree this doesn't look too bad for a start, you guys, but I think over the next month or two, Cory, as the vouchers come in, we'll get a better view of what we're looking at this fiscal year, currently, which will help us gauge the rest of this going into 2022 budget, right?

Mayor Carpenter so, I just came back in and I heard Dan saying something about Cory being able to update this spreadsheet.

Trustee Baker I was just saying, I said I think this is a great start, your numbers you put together, but I think over the next couple months, as vouchers come in this will give us a better visual of how this fiscal year is going to shake out, which will help us adjust for the following year.

Mayor Carpenter right, we go from a six-month projection to an 8-month projection.

Trustee Baker yeah, big difference you know?

Mayor Carpenter so yeah in the year to date 2021 line, so guys, that's the other thing to kind of keep in mind. We can always work to edit and adjust our lines here. Cory will be updating the column titled year to date 2021 to reflect monthly vouchers that are coming in so, to Dan's point, that's the line that we're going to say oh **** we're hitting our mark that's great or oh *** we're way off, alright? That line actual 2021 that's going to be a live line that continuously changes as Cory starts to update for January's

vouchers. January expenses, February's expenses and depending on where we are maybe even March's, OK? So just keep in mind that that column's numbers will be changing to reflect real time data. That's why we do this spreadsheet, OK? Because this means that we don't have to save six versions and pass them along or print out six of these different long pieces of paper and re plug numbers in this live spreadsheet. It really helps us see it in real time, OK? now it's 7:39, folks. We haven't even touched the sewer, but to be honest with you, I think there's gotta be some more conversation between Charlie and whoever else wants to get involved with the sewer, because if you didn't remember what happened last year we asked Charlie for a budget and that didn't go so well, Then we ended up working with him to create a budget. I think that's probably going to be same process that we run into again this year, so I am probably going to start, over the next couple of weeks, going down with Charlie and the spreadsheet that Cory created, and going down and working with him to start filling out some lines.

Trustee Baker well I was just going to go through on my own and do it and present it to you guys 'cause he said he didn't see any real major expense changes. I think it's pretty safe to annualize and kind of look at things conservatively based on historical spend and then present it to him and say hey does this seem reasonable, right? Last time I did that with him all he wanted to do is say well what do you want me to put?

Mayor Carpenter I know kind of what I'm getting at

Trustee Colvin Dan, the only other thing I wanna check into with Brian Myers, is, if he doesn't use all his budget, he allocates to certain things. So that could be that some of the fund balance that we have in the fund balance is already allocated for the fire Department, see what I mean? If he doesn't spend \$180,000, I know he has allocated some of the money like for a truck, down the road. That's what we got keep in mind too, is how much has he allocated for a new fire truck or new equipment.

Mayor Carpenter so Corey, help me out here, if we were to look at let's just take 2019 with a budget of 187,998.63.00 OK, that was his revenues that he was bringing in and then right there alone he should have a \$50,000 additional fund balance. great that's what I'm saying thing happened there he took money from 2019 and brought it over to 2020 I would like you to do a 10-year review, Cory, of that line of revenue and expenses to see if Brian has been carrying over like you just said. Or, if he's been zeroing out, if he has expenses that are less than his revenues, then to Whit's point, there's got to be an allocated reserve for the fire Department made. yes, that's a good point thank you Whit. I think why I'm suggesting a 10 year look back is because if Cory starts to notice these things in a ten year look back, then we go back further and see if it continues, but I think 10 years is a good start, right? But if we do see a trend in that 10 years, then we'll go back further, but let's just let's just start with a 10 year to begin with.

Trustee Baker Does Brian have a list of what he thinks he has, Whit?

Trustee Colvin he might have a list of what he thinks he has I'm pretty sure he might have a list

Trustee Baker that would be something to compare to what Cory comes up

Mayor Carpenter you guys have a treasurer, don't you?

Trustee Colvin the treasurer does not do the village budget, Brian does the village budget.

Mayor Carpenter but you still show your expenditures from the village expenses

Trustee Colvin the money that we get, I'm treasure of the Schuyler hose company, I have nothing to do with the village money. That's Brian, all himself, how he spends it and all.

Mayor Carpenter how do you keep track of it?

Trustee Colvin that's up to Brian, right? It has nothing to do with the village.

Trustee Baker where is the money coming from for the Schuyler hose company?

Trustee Colvin it comes from donations and everything, OK? That's where that money comes from, we got our own identity.

Mayor Carpenter so how do you fiscally keep track of it? Are we, is the village, pretty much doing the treasuring? Acting as your treasurer for the for the expenditures that you get from municipal contracts?

Trustee Colvin yes that's what you guys are doing yes

Mayor Carpenter so, and I don't have a problem with it so please don't think by me using this language I'm pissed off about it, but like, Cory is the treasurer for the contractual side of the Firehouse and you are the treasurer for the donation side and we are actually, the village is actually responsible for the transparency and accountability of the expenses and revenues for the Firehouse.

Trustee Colvin for the village part, yes.

Mayor Carpenter for the municipal contracts side of the house

Trustee Colvin right yes

Mayor Carpenter OK so again, Whitney, and I think you understand where I'm going to come from on this one, I will guarantee you that the 2017 to 2021 numbers will be as accurate as they are going to get. I cannot make any promises to what the numbers that were done in previous administrations will show. So, that 10 year look back I feel pretty confident over four years but once we go past that I'm not really sure what that's going to show. By which I mean..

Trustee Colvin I'm not worried past 10 years, I just, you know, he has allocated money for like a truck or something that he figures he might need from year to year and that's why we gotta make sure that it doesn't get into some of that general fund. They might be funds he already allocated for the fire Department.

Mayor Carpenter I totally understand what you're saying I I agree with you, Whit, I understand.

Trustee Baker Cory, could you reach out to Brian and see what he has for history of funds?

Treasurer Heyman yeah

Trustee Baker and that'll be our comparison obviously Corey you're the book of record which we just kind of identified so we're going to go with your number but that will help to reconcile Brian for what he knows he has for funds. Does that make sense, Whit?

Trustee Colvin yeah, that's what it is, yeah.

Mayor Carpenter Because you can see right off the bat, he's definitely carrying funds over, 'cause in 2020 his annual revenues were 170 but his expenditures were 221 thousand.

Trustee Baker yes that was for the new truck

Mayor Carpenter I think that's right, I get that, but I know what Whit's talking about, there might have been years he just didn't carry it over. He just anticipated it going into an allocated fund reserved for the fire Department, which never was created,

Trustee Baker and I get it. I get it, which we should, I definitely agree.

Mayor Carpenter yeah, I agree with that, Whit. So, we'll do what we can on that, OK?

Trustee Colvin Yep no problem.

Trustee Baker send that out to the group Cory, so we can kind of get a gauge on what is our actual fund balance for the village rather than what the Firehouse has so that that's important, because the way we talk about it right now we assume all fund balance is us,

Mayor Carpenter so when we say from somewhere between 550,000 and 600,000 unallocated reserve, we're talking about that as village, but to Whit's point there might be \$50,000 worth of reserve in there, I mean I'm just using fictitious number, but we don't know what it is, for the fire department

Trustee Colvin I agree

Trustee Baker completely agree

Mayor Carpenter good catch Whit.

Trustee Colvin he tries to save money to buy another truck, for the down payments and everything like that, if we need another truck.

Mayor Carpenter so, yes, we will look into that. OK, right. So, I'll start working with Charlie over the next couple of weeks on the sewer side the only one thing I want to ask everybody right is can everyone please look at their calendars. I know we had said the next meeting was going to be on the 27th. Can we

please move that to the 25th ? And I'm being a little bit selfish, but two of the board members have bowling

Trustee Colvin books would that be Dan and Dan?

Trustee Drew team double D baby?

Mayor Carpenter well, they had closed for a week 'cause of COVID and instead of just putting that week schedule at the very end of the calendar they pushed the whole calendar back a week! So, where Dan and I thought we weren't missing a single village meeting, that all got screwed up with that one week. OK if everybody is good, Bryan, are you good with that? You're muted.

Trustee Colvin he fell asleep! (general laughter)

Trustee Drew that is gonna be a maybe. I'm not 100% sure on that.

Mayor Carpenter OK, well if it's going to be a maybe Bryan, do your best to try and get your column filled.

Trustee Drew Oh, the column will be filled, yes!

Mayor Carpenter OK, because even if you're not present that column will be there and we can see where you're coming from.

Trustee Drew yeah that's no problem that'll be filled out so regardless

Mayor Carpenter so OK, alright everybody, guys stay safe.