

Village of Schuylerville
Budget Meeting Transcription
Meeting held via Zoom
Monday February 8, 2021

Present:

Mayor Dan Carpenter

Trustee Colvin

Trustee LeBaron

Mayor Carpenter OK So we have a quorum, OK, I'd like to start with the meeting. Let's start with the Pledge of Allegiance

(All recite pledge)

Mayor Carpenter Present for the meeting our clerk treasurer Cory Heyman Trustee Tim LeBaron, Trustee Whitney Colvin and myself Mayor Carpenter, myself and our trustees are at their home addresses.

Guys this is our budget meeting, could be our last one, With the exception of the official handing over of the budgets to the clerks and so on and so forth. Tonight, we're gonna focus primarily on the sewer budget. So I talked to Charlie and this meeting could be really quick if everyone is in agreement with this, I talked to Dan and he's in agreement with this. I'd like to keep Charlie's budget flat. Don't add anything to it don't take anything away. The \$10,000 that we put into community grant in this year's budget, I would like to move that into an equipment line, because he has a few purchases he needs to make. One is a mig welder and another is a valve that he needs to get the blower six started, which the initial project never covered, even though it was supposed to, it never did. He's expecting that to be around 3500. So if we are all in agreement for just keeping Charlie's budget flat and keeping things where they are, just using the additional money that's leftover from the grant line for the mig welder and the valve, If we eliminate that from next year's budget that will cover the traditional raises for the operators.

Trustee LeBaron Dan, I know one thing that we talked a little bit about was the bobcat

Mayor Carpenter Right, that's where I was gonna go. So, we can keep the budget flat, and Cory is going to look into the equipment reserve line for sewer. So, everyone knows about the flood that happened at the office and the fact that the computers are down. So, Corey is not able to get into the computers right now to find out exactly what that amount is for the equipment reserve balance available right now. If anybody has any old paperwork, it's probably on that. To be honest, mine was all in my box and my box got flooded, so all my paperwork had to be thrown away. Cory is going to look at it once the computer is up and running which hopefully will be tomorrow or Wednesday. If she can tell us how much is in that equipment line, We could purchase a skid steer using equipment reserve. We would then not have to bond anything out or change the budget at all.

Treasurer Heyman So, Dan, you're asking what was in the sewer equipment reserve? That's about 69,000. Sorry, I thought you meant reserves like fund balance.

Mayor Carpenter So that should be more than enough to cover the cost of that skid steer. I'm not suggesting that we have to go out and buy a brand-new skid steer, maybe a slightly used one, but regardless 69,000 will be plenty to cover the cost of that skid steer.

Trustee LeBaron yeah, we're just looking to get the bucket and whatever else he needs right?

Mayor Carpenter Yes Tim, a very basic skid steer with very few options

Trustee LeBaron OK, I mean down the road if he needed something else, we could do that

Mayor Carpenter And what I told Rob was if Rob needs to get attachments for that skid steer then he can budget for it

Trustee LeBaron Yes, that's what I was going to suggest to you is make sure they get the right hydraulic hook ups, just quick connect, yep and then they can get whatever they want.

Mayor Carpenter So, again if everybody is comfortable with that, If everybody is comfortable with keeping the budget flat and then using that equipment reserve for the skid steer, then I think we're good.

Trustee LeBaron I'm good with it, Dan

Trustee Colvin I'm good

Trustee LeBaron So that means the rates stay flat for the homeowners

Mayor Carpenter correct

Trustee LeBaron perfect

Mayor Carpenter That's right doesn't fluctuate. Doesn't go up and doesn't go down. The reason I'm saying doesn't go down is because I did talk to Charlie, and one of the things we need to prepare for in the next two or three years, is replacing, with a used vehicle, the truck that's down there at the plant. Now he can get by with it, he's doing fine right now, but it's just something that we're going to have to consider down the road. It doesn't have to be tomorrow, but that's why I'm not saying to take that full 10,000 out of that line item.

Trustee LeBaron That's not a plow truck down there, right?

Mayor Carpenter no, Just transportation

Trustee LeBaron I've seen it before, I just couldn't remember if there was a plow on it or not

Mayor Carpenter I think at one time it did have a plow on it, but Harry had made it so that the DPW was plowing them out at one time when Harry was down there all the time and now that they're kind of on split shifts, we've been using alternatives to having the DPW come down and plow. Again, we don't need to put a plow on whatever truck we replace it with, so it doesn't need to be a Chevy 2500 or whatever, or a Ford F-250 it can be a Ford F-150 basic point A to point B vehicle, but again, if you guys think they could do with a smaller vehicle that would be fine.

Trustee LeBaron the only other question I have for you, correct me if I'm wrong, Charlie was looking for a generator, did he purchase that?

Mayor Carpenter I'm pretty sure he did, it was a portable one I believe

Treasurer Heyman I think we did

Trustee LeBaron I just wanted to bring that up because I thought we did. I just wanted to clarify that that's all.

Treasurer Heyman I'll double check

Trustee LeBaron OK, thank you

Mayor Carpenter OK so if you guys are good with that, we'll have the next budget meeting with the final numbers for the general that we all agreed upon. I'll put the sewer numbers in there that we all agreed upon, keeping it flat. I'll start working with Charlie to get the quotes on the skid steer so that we are ready to go. Now, Cory, correct me if I'm wrong, but our next official meeting doesn't have to be until March, right?

Treasurer Heyman right, I have the calendar of dates at the office, but one of them we're going to do at a regular meeting, not this meeting but the March meeting.

Mayor Carpenter Isn't that where we have to do the public hearing?

Treasurer Heyman No, there's the board hands it to the clerk, the clerk hands it to the board, and then there's the public hearing for the tentative budget, and then after that we just approve it. You know, if there's no problems at the public hearing then the next meeting can be the approval

Mayor Carpenter You put all those on our calendars, didn't you?

Treasurer Heyman I thought I did

Trustee LeBaron yes, I'm pretty sure Dan, that she put it all down when we first started like she just explained. When was the time that we had to do each thing. And I think you're right Cory it was the end of March

Mayor Carpenter and I think that's right, we had done the dates that we were going to do it and I just want to make sure that they are the dates that we have to do it. So, we have a budget meeting on the 22nd scheduled for now and then actually, Cory, I think we said the rest after that one were just the traditional ones and you were just going to fill it back in 'cause I don't have anything on March up

Treasurer Heyman You don't? OK i'm pretty sure that we're planning to do the March meeting for the board to the clerk, and then there's the clerk to the board, which is pretty easy too.

Mayor Carpenter so could we look at doing that, if I get the finished budgets to everybody, Can we schedule that? Because right now we do have a budget meeting on the 27th.

Treasurer Heyman Yep, so February 22nd you wanna do board to the clerk.

Mayor Carpenter Yes, because we already have it on our calendars. And then can we just make sure that we hit the next few meetings within the time periods. You know, from the clerk to the board, tentative hearing, and then we can pass it.

Treasurer Heyman yes, just as soon as I can get logged in to my computer, I have everything in my budget folder, you know, on my desktop, so I'll be able to find the exact dates, and then I can send them to you and then we can figure out when we want to have them.

Mayor Carpenter right, and then we can make the dates public at Wednesday's meeting

Trustee LeBaron If I'm looking at the calendar right then we could do it on the 22nd. If I remember correctly didn't we do it at the workshop last year? When we passed it over?

Mayor Carpenter Right that's kind of what I'm saying, so we handed over to the clerk on the 22nd. the clerk hands it back to us at the workshop, and then at that point all we need to do is have a public hearing in between handing it back and adoption

Treasurer Heyman okay, we could do that at the March meeting

Mayor Carpenter Right, we could do the public hearing prior to the meeting and then adopt it at the next one

Trustee LeBaron So that would be the 22nd and then the 1st and then the public hearing on the 10th at the meeting

Mayor Carpenter so Tim you cut out a little bit but you said we would do the public hearing just before the meeting on the 10th

Trustee LeBaron yes

Mayor Carpenter So if everybody's good, we could have the shortest budget meeting ever, and get back to our evenings. I will give everybody an update real quick. Both floors, from my understanding, after talking with Helene, now both floors are now covered under insurance. So, we where we were talking about using the money from the 2nd floor for the first floor we might not have to. It looks like that will be covered under the insurance claim as well, and that that quote that Helena sent out today for the first floor, if that's the case, then we don't need to vote on that. We have quotes for both the first and second floors.

Trustee LeBaron have we heard anything on the water as far as budgets?

Mayor Carpenter I can text Brian and ask him to be ready to talk to us about it at the monthly meeting if you guys want

Trustee LeBaron yeah I didn't know if you had talked to Brian at all or..

Mayor Carpenter not about not about water I've talked about some other stuff but I haven't talked about water. One of the things I asked him to do is to reach out to Carrie Woerner's office to find out exactly where we are in that Sam grant proposal, because Bob Haney would like to know how to proceed during this spring, if he's going to spend the money to update his sidewalk or replace his

sidewalks at the laundromat, we are this close to getting that SAM grant, he should just wait until the Sam Grant comes in.

Trustee LeBaron on that curb down there where he is we still looking at the beautification part instead of the high-rise things do you know? I know that was something that we talked about

Treasurer Heyman Oh you mean leaving that panel open in the front?

Trustee LeBaron yes

Treasurer Heyman yeah I like that idea too instead of all sidewalk?

Mayor Carpenter yes yes OK thank you Tim, and now I know what you're saying, yes.

Trustee I was talking to Cory about it a little bit too so

Mayor Carpenter yes I think I think that's still the same approach that I'd like to take, Whit, did you have any feelings on that? You know what Tim's talking about?

Trustee Colvin Yep I'm all set

Mayor Carpenter OK, and that will cut down the cost of it anyway, right? So, OK, like I said, I'm waiting for Brian to talk to Woerner's office and hopefully I'll hear back from him so hopefully soon 'cause Bob is expecting me to give him a call this week

Trustee LeBaron the other thing, just a quick reminder, were you able to talk to Rob about the signage?

Mayor Carpenter I was going to do it at the meeting

Trustee LeBaron OK that's fine, I know you been busy as hell so I just want to try to keep it so we don't forget again

Mayor Carpenter no I don't want to forget. Tim I want to actually give you a chance to talk about you know what you found and where you think the signs need to go, OK?

Trustee LeBaron OK Yep thank you

Mayor Carpenter alright, so if everybody's good we can adjourn

Trustee LeBaron I'll make the motion to adjourn the meeting

Trustee Colvin I'll second

Mayor Carpenter All in favor, and hearing none opposed, enjoy your nights guys