

**Village of Schuylerville  
Budget Meeting 1 Minutes  
Monday January 29, 2024**

**Present;**

**Mayor Carpenter**

**Trustee Baker**

**Trustee Colvin**

**Village Clerk Patterson**

**Treasurer Heyman**

**Supervisor Decker**

**Via phone: Trustee LeBaron**

**Absent:**

**Trustee Drew**

Mayor Carpenter opened the meeting.

All board members and Mayor Carpenter had been provided a budget spreadsheet, accessible on the village google drive, to begin the collaborative process of entering figures for the 2025 budget.

The spreadsheet contained totals for actual year end numbers from FYE 2020 to FYE 2023 as well as the 2024 budget and year to date numbers for all accounts.

The budget was examined line by line and tentative numbers for each account announced with explanations for any large deviation from the current year's budget.

Property taxes will remain flat.

Employees will receive the traditional 2% raise with the exception of any DPW that has secured a CDL.

These employees will receive an additional \$1.50 per hour on top of the 2% raise. This is to encourage current employees to try for their CDL, as well as to help in recruiting and retaining CDL drivers.

Supervisor Decker was at the meeting to present projected needed items. He stated that the 2005 Dump truck, the leaf vacuum and the riding lawnmower are some items that we should be looking to fund for replacement.

Trustee Baker asked Supervisor Decker if he felt we would be able to continue to exchange equipment (leaf vacuum) for labor with Victory, as we did during leaf season last fall. These shared services would allow us to avoid a purchase estimated at well over \$100,000.00.

Decker stated that he felt this exchange worked well for both municipalities, but that he could not say with any certainty that this would be the case next year, but that he was willing to try the shared services again this year.

If we continue the trajectory we are currently on, there should be funds left over this year that would cover the lawnmower.

A discussion followed regarding using fund balance for the purchase of a new dump truck.

Budget meeting 2 is scheduled for February 12 at 6pm, before the regular village board meeting at 7pm.

Recording Secretary,

*Cory Heyman*