

PROCEEDINGS OF A BUDGET MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 27, 2020 – 4:30 PM

Present

Mayor:	Mayor Corby
Trustees:	Lili Lanphear Frank Galusha Renee Stetzer
Treasurer:	Mary Marowski
Superintendent of Public Works:	Zack Bleier
Recording Secretary:	Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Vote: Corby– yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha – yes, Stetzer – yes. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mayor Corby asked if any of the Board members had a conflict of interest or had accepted gifts associated with any of the meeting agenda items. The Board members indicated that they had no conflicts of interest to report.

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The Board reviewed the anticipated CHIPS funding. Trustee Stetzer questioned if the funding will be carried over if not used. The Treasurer informed her that some funding in the CHIPS is proposed to cease, but we anticipate that the main funding will still be available.

Trustee Galusha informed the Board that the equipment for the DPW is needed to give the residents the best possible service.

Mayor Corby discussed the source of Village revenues and the changes that have been made and the loss of revenue the Village has had over the years. He stated that this creates a responsibility on the Village taxpayer, but the Village needs to be responsible for the infrastructure and cannot ignore the repairs that are needed.

The Board examined the existing repair reserve that was established more than twenty years ago. The Treasurer informed the Board that the reserve needs to be reclassified. The current language around the reserve leaves questions about how it can be used.

The Board studied the problem of the language surrounding the reserve and how it had been established. Mayor Corby indicated that the Board should get a legal interpretation on the reserve. It was discussed that he would reach out to NYCOM for suggestions.

The Board considered the possibility of using some of the reserve to assist with some of the infrastructure needs. Mayor Corby indicated that they should be careful with the use of the reserve; it will not solve all our needs and we would not have it available for an emergency.

The Board continued to look at the core expenses in the budget to see if there were any line items that could be reduced. The staffing review for the office was still needed for final office figures. Discussion was held on what expense items could be considered completed. At this time, the Board indicated that the current numbers related to salaries would be good place holders.

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The Treasurer discussed using funds from the CHIPS funding to cover the cost of the new Bobcat, and she could also use the funds to cover the cost of Village Grove. The Board agreed with her suggestion to use the CHIPS allocation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Galusha, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Vote: Corby – yes; Lanphear – yes, Galusha – yes, Stetzer – yes. Motion carried.

Dorothea M. Ciccarelli, Recording Secretary