

**PROCEEDING OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

February 20th 2024, 4:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor: Alysa Plummer
Trustees: Lili Lanphear
Justin Leitgeb- absent
David Marshall
Lisa Cove- absent
Village Clerk: Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Plummer and seconded by Trustee Marshall to call the meeting to order.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – absent, Cove – absent, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mayor Plummer asked the board if they had anything to disclose. The members stated that they had no conflicts to disclose.

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Plummer asked the Village Clerk to read an overview of the open meeting compliance certification.

Trustee Lanphear asked if public emails would be entered into the record. Village Clerk Ciccarelli confirmed yes.

MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL PLAN

The board decided they wanted to be sure that only recurring charges appeared on the Long-Term Capital plan.

GENERAL BUDGET REVIEW

Trustee Marshall wanted the condition and age of vehicles and equipment added and the entire year to appear on one master sheet/consolidated report so the totals could be viewed. He also requested that the consolidated report state whether the totals came from reserves or debt reserves.

Trustee Marshall asked if the village clerk could provide a look back at ten years' worth of tax revenues and a ten-year look back at general appropriations. She responded, yes.

SEWER BUDGET REVIEW

Trustee Marshall asked if the superintendent really spent 40% of his time on sewer, and the village clerk confirmed yes. He then inquired as to why the sewer is paying 22% to the village insurance. Village Clerk Ciccarelli responded that most of the lawsuits have been related to sewer issues/sewer backups. Trustee Marshall asked the village clerk to reach out to NYCOM to find out what other municipalities' sewer rates are because he had concerns that some of the sewer budgets' cost percentages were too high.

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Trustee Marshall then requested that the labels in “*allocated salary*” in both the General and Sewer budgets needed to include New York State labor and disability insurance. He would like the labels to be consistent across both budgets to aid in searching the PDFs.

PHONE / FIBER UPDATE

Motion by Trustee Marshall and seconded by Trustee Lanphear to approve the three-year contract with Vonage and Crown Castle.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – absent, Cove – absent, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

Mayor Plummer stated that all the local villages signed this document to support Governor Hochul’s pro-housing movement, which is being presented in the 2024-2025 New York State budget. She acknowledged that it was just recognition and that there was no commitment to building more housing within the village. She also stated that if housing was created, there would possibly be grant funding available. Trustee Lanphear asked if it was tied to the governor’s proposal to eliminate single-family zoning, as that would have been her only hesitation in signing. Mayor Plummer said, according to her understanding, that was not a part of the designation.

Motion by Trustee Marshall and seconded by Trustee Lanphear, for Mayor Plummer to send a letter to Albany expressing interest in the Pro Housing Community Program.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – absent, Cove – absent, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

TIMELINE FOR VILLAGE REFUSE DISTRICT BID

Motion by Trustee Marshall and seconded by Trustee Lanphear to approve the village clerk to create a bid for the proposed village refuse district.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – absent, Cove – absent, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Plummer and seconded by Trustee Lanphear to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 PM.

Vote: Mayor Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – absent, Cove – absent, Marshall – yes. *Motion passed.*

Laura Donk, Recording Secretary