

BUDGET MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, C/T Decker, DC/T Budine, Trustees Warner, Vandermark Jr., Strauss and Singleton, Kermit Mott, Bridget Davis, Fire Chief Ryneanson, DPW Supervisor Evans, and CEO Hathaway

Mayor Moore opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

C/T Decker stated we would start with the Code Enforcement 2019-2020 budget. Decker informed the board that nothing had changed with the Code tentative budget except for wages. The increase is \$1,020 or 5.2% in wages. Trustee Singleton asked about certification – Hathaway responded that there are 24 credits required annually. Trustee Strauss stated he thought Pete was doing a good job and reflected that no raise had been given last year. Trustee Vandermark Jr asked Pete how many hours he puts in – Pete responded that he wasn't sure but that would be reflected in his annual report.

Next, the Clerk's office budget was discussed. This budget had an increase of 4.6%. This increase is for 3% in wages and an increase in software maintenance contracts.

Next, Decker explained that she had made the changes expressed in the previous budget meeting as follows:

2000 hours for the PT Officers

Conference and Dues reduced to half – from \$1,000 to \$500

Fuel reduced to half – from \$10,000 to \$5,000

Maintenance from \$5,000 to \$2,500

This caused an overall reduction of \$32,352 or 17.25%

Trustee Vandermark had me work up a tentative budget leaving wages and hours in tact – no changes – and reducing line items the same as above with the equipment line item reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000. This caused an increase in the police Budget of less than ½%.

At this time Decker commented that as budget officer she was in favor of the 17.25% reduction in the PD budget with the possibility of funding other much needed line items such as DPW trees and fleet replacement. Trustee Vandermark stated he disagreed – he stated we should not reduce services in one department to build up another. Trustee Strauss stated he was in favor of abolition of the department but was willing to compromise with option #2 (the 17.25% decrease). Strauss felt we could move forward with what we had if managed properly.

At this time Decker reminded the board of the idea of abolishing the court and in doing so they must begin now. The time frame for this to take place is before Judge Lantz's expiration of his term of office or 2020. DC Budine stated that if to be pursued the Oversight Committee should be informed well in advance. This led to several questions on Village ordinances and codes. Bridget Davis asked how many tickets are issued – Vandermark remarked that approximately 150 or so a year. There was much discussion on other police departments such as Walton.... And Sunday shifts for our department and a school presence etc. Discussions on hours for DWI and Selective Traffic were discussed as a tool for small budgeted Village's to use. Cop Grants were discussed. There were discussions on if the new chief would be directed by the board or the chief would fashion his department as he sees fit. Mayor Moore asked me to cut the Sunday shift from the budget and bring that back to the board next meeting.

MOTION#220/18-19

A motion was made by Trustee Vandermark Jr. seconded by Trustee Warner to advertise for a PT Chief at \$25,000 annually. The motion carried unanimously.

Decker stated that at the next budget meeting on October 9, 2018 the DPW would be bringing their budget.

MOTION#221/18-19

A motion was made Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Vandermark Jr. to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: