

## **SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **PROPOSED BUDGET WORKSHOP #2**

OCTOBER 19, 2020

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMITTEE OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 6:30pm

**CALL TO ORDER at 7:03 PM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL:** Present: Trustees Barb Andres, Kevin Fitzgerald, Bill Kaskin, Aaron Karow, Sharon Bower, and President Howard Skinner. Absent: Trustee Jeremy Knoll. Also Present: Village Administrator Laura Roeslein, Police Chief Adam Grosz, Public Works Foreman Stan Clause, Clerk Sabrina Waswo.

#### **2021 PROPOSED BUDGET REVIEW**

**Public Works Budget** – The board directed Administrator Roeslein to use the earmarked \$70,000 funds for new playground equipment at West Side Park. The current equipment is 24 years old and we are unable to find replacement parts. Foreman Clause would like to move it out of the woods to be more visible.

**Fire and Rescue Budgets** – Chief Clause is requesting an increase in the retainer for salaries. They are having a difficult time staffing shifts from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. They have raised their retainers to \$50,000 for Wheatland and Randall. They are asking the village to increase to \$60,000. The village is higher as the majority of calls are located in the village.

**Police Department** – One full-time police officer has been added to the budget. The legal/attorney fees line item has increased from \$3,000 to \$12,000 for 2021 due to it being a union contract negotiation year. The current attorney, Michael Best, charges around \$400 per hour. President Skinner feels he is worth it. Chief suggested contracting with an attorney that specifically handles police union contract negotiations.

**General Fund/Administration** – The education/travel is significantly lower due to COVID. Building maintenance for village hall was lowered due to the new building. Consensus was to raise this line item back up as the new building may not be done until 2022.

**Municipal Court** – Added additional wages due to the merger with Town of Randall. Not sure if we will have additional costs as our court may have more work due to the merger.

**Flex Spending** – Currently 26 out of 31 employees use this program. The cost to the village is around \$15,000 per year. Fitzgerald does not see any reason to take away this benefit.

**Election Budget** – Clerk Waswo explained budget is lower due to fewer elections in 2021.

**Building Inspector contract** with increase to \$60,000 per year has been included.

Administrator Roeslein asked if the board wanted to continue paying Board of Review members the \$12.50 per hour. They normally meet 3 to 4 hours a year. Skinner feels we should as it is hard to get volunteers.

**Chamber of Commerce** – We give them \$6,000 for fireworks. Trustee Andres asked if we are planning on giving them a fireworks donation for 2021 or should we carry over the 2020 donation. Skinner feels they are struggling financially and would like to give them the donation in 2021. We can contact them to see what the donation was used for this year as the fireworks were cancelled.

It was noted the General Fund supplements the TIF as the TIF cannot support its own debt service payments.

Next budget workshop is after the Committee of the Whole on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Motion by Skinner, Bower, Carried to adjourn at 7:54 pm.*

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Sabrina Waswo, Village Clerk

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