

THE RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BUDGET WORKSHOP

March 31, 2021

DATE: 3/31/21

TIME: 4:30 pm

PLACE: The Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Dave LeClair, Deputy Mayor Chandra Gilman, Trustee Mark Fargo, Trustee Karen Gorton, Trustee Doug Rigby, Clerk Jeannie Kesel

Others Residents in attendance: Jamie Landcastle

The Mayor called the Budget Workshop to order at 4:30 pm

Joanne Burley, Deputy Clerk took the lead of the meeting.

GENERAL FUND

INCOME

- Trustee Mark Fargo wanted to know what amount of tax the village might receive from Cannabis sales. It would be an excise tax separate from sales tax.
- Replacing the 2018 550 truck was pushed into next year's budget.
- Lower A2705 Gifts and Donations to \$1,000
- A3989 State Aid, Home & Community (Chip money) \$5,800 rolls over into next year's budget and planned \$14,000 for 21/22 budget.

EXPENSES

- A1325.4 Treasurer Contractual Joanne will look into the \$27,807 and will increase the 21/22 budget
- A1420.4 Attorney Contractual will keep line item at \$25,000
- A1620.2 Village Hall Capital Outlay – replace the rear entrance door by 5/31/21
- A1640.4 Village Barn drop line item to \$11,000
- The board discussed possibly setting up reserve funds for sewer and a fire truck
- A5110.2 Maintenance of Streets Capital Outlay budget \$15,000 to replace Mike's truck
- A5112.2 Permanent Improvement HW Chips (paving streets) lower to \$20,000 Chips pays for bigger street projects
- A7110.4 Parks Contractual – Jeannie has reached out to the head of the if Marcus Whitman baseball to see if they are going to use the fields. If yes, then budget needs to go up. Park improvements – lights, security cameras, Trustee Mark Fargo suggested a pavilion. Board discussed about making an investment into the park. Lyons Club might help out.
- A7180.4 Walking Trail – raise to \$1,250 because there was vandalism last year
- A7410.4 Library – this budget will change once the library is chartered.
- A8010.4 Zoning - \$995 is for code officer training, \$3,000 was put on this line for Rushville Clean Up Day for dumpsters
- A9010.8 State Retirement System – Joanne will check into this item. Jeannie and Joanne are not in the retirement system.

CEMETERY - EXPENSES

- CM8989.4 Other Home & Community Service Contractual budgeted \$10,000 can use some of this money to fix headstones. There is \$515,000 in the cemetery's investment account. The Mayor was wondering if we could take some of this money out and make improvements in the cemetery, ie. Pillars,

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new driveway (additional) rough iron entrance and a sign. The Mayor said the wills would have to be reviewed to see if the funds are legally available for these improvements.

WATER - EXPENSES

- FX8320.1 Source Supply Power & Pump (Payroll) budget should be raised based on last year's actual
- FX8330.1 Water Purification (Payroll) line item will be redistributed
- FX8340.2 Water Trans and Distribution Capital Outlay Hydrants cost approximately \$300 each. Village has 22 hydrants
- FX8340.4 Water Trans & Distribution – Water meters last about 20 years
- Budget is short \$40,912. There is \$130,000 in reserves

SEWER

- \$18,000 will be relieved for sewer. The money won't be paid to the Village until next year
- Joanne said she just mailed the current bills and this will add to the actual for 2021
- The Board talked about raising sewer rates \$15.00 a quarter. The Board will have to approve the change
- There is \$383,000 in reserves
- BPD has mentioned to the Village in the past that in 2026 the sewer goes negative. The Board agreed that rates should be raised before then

Joanne will have a tentative budget at the 4/12/21 board meeting. She will try to get it out before the meeting.

Jamie Landcastle suggested putting money aside to update the Comprehensive Plan

The Mayor told the Board that a representative from the Dollar Store will be coming to the April board meeting

Cell tower possibility – the Mayor will provide information in the board packet. This could be a good revenue stream for the Village

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Mark Fargo. A 2nd was received from Trustee Doug Rigby. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jeannie Kesel, Clerk/Treasurer

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