

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MARCH 30, 2020, AT 6:00 PM IN THE TRUSTEES' BOARD ROOM, 23 NORTH MAIN STREET, ALLEGANY COUNTY, WELLSVILLE, NEW YORK.

PRESENT: Mayor: Randy Shayler
Deputy Mayor: Jeff Monroe
Trustees: Jeremy Cole, Ed Fahs, Mike Roeske

ABSENT: Dir. DPW: Bill Whitfield
Police Chief: Tim O'Grady
Fire Chief: Barney Dillie
Treasurer: Earl Johnson

VISITORS: (none)

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the pledge to the flag led by Mayor Randy Shayler.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Shayler stated that by tomorrow, the budget must be presented to the Board of Trustees. The notice of the public hearing must be published in the official newspaper by next Tuesday, 4/7/2020. The public hearing will be held at 5:45 pm before the regular board meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, 4/13/2020. The final budget approval will occur at the following regular board meeting on Monday, 4/27/2020.
2. Mayor Shayler indicated that he met last Saturday with Treasurer Earl Johnson, as well as the incoming Treasurer, Melissa Mullen, and put together the budget. The Board has two weeks to review for any concerns. The tentative budget was distributed to the Trustees, noting that Treasurer Johnson set it at the current rate and did not make many changes. Mayor Shayler noted the Village's assessed property value is \$127M, which is down 2.25%, a big chunk of which is due to the changes at Riverwalk.
3. Discussion was held on potential issues, to include the general fund's shortages, police contract, and upcoming retirements. The topic of whether or not to raise taxes was brought up, which Mayor Shayler noted he is strongly opposed to, further noting that all other taxes (County, Town and School) have gone up. With 50% of the workforce in place, due to corona virus social distancing, work is still getting done, at least for this time of the year. He indicated that perhaps we wait a year on things like adding money to capital reserves (i.e. dump truck), and further stated that he is encouraging frugality.
4. Mayor Shayler continued with a touch on each fund, beginning with the Water fund. He noted that it was pretty straightforward and in decent shape, and that the budget was set with no changes. The Sewer fund is okay, as this budget is written, balanced and with a zero deficit. He noted we'll get half of the revenues from the Highland project, which is a 15-month project. And lastly, the Refuse fund, which Treasurer Johnson recommends considering raising rates \$1/month to cover costs and labor.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Monroe, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Seely
Village Clerk

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