

Special Session of Village Council

July 9, 2019

Call to Order

The Special Session of Council was called to order by Mayor York Bryant at 7:00pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll Call was completed by the Clerk of Council. The following members were present.

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P
Mike McKeehan – P
Jessica Smothers – P

Ben Steiner – P
Clarissa Walls-Parker – P
Paul Zorn – P

Purpose

The Mayor stated the purpose for the meeting: Village Annual Tax Budget

Mayor Bryant deferred to the Village Fiscal Officer Tina Powell. Powell provided written information on deadlines and details for submission of the Tax Budget. She thanked Council, Administrator and Mayor for the recent pay increases and discussed the proposed Tax Budget, estimated receipts and expenditures. A spreadsheet was provided via overhead projection with significant line items highlighted. She reviewed major General Fund items, to include the Water Plant, Police Department and Personnel. The Fiscal Officer stated she allowed for 3% employee increases per the Council's request in the 2020 budget and noted she did not take healthcare insurance which saved the Village money in the proposed budget. Powell provided the General Fund cash on hand of \$506,437.71 for 2020 year end. Ending fund balances were discussed. Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre asked if new home tax was increased. Powell advised \$371,000 was included this year; she used \$393,000 conservatively in the 2020 Tax Budget. The amount may actually reach \$425,000.

Continuing General Fund highlights, Powell advised she included \$42,000 under General Fund Expenses under Police for a new police cruiser, rifle, arms, cartridge and 1 new officer. She also increased fund expenses for Zoning Inspector salary from \$9,000 to \$27,500, change from commission to salary, no benefits. Discussion followed on car use, auxiliary and part-time officers. With more eyes in the field, more tickets are written. Powell stated the \$42,000 may be reduced; a car or SUV will be determined later by Council. Mr. Frederick asked if the Village would pay cash for a vehicle or finance. Powell acknowledged the current vehicle is a 3 year debt service. Walls-Parker asked what the \$42,000 included. The Fiscal Officer explained. Mayor Bryant asked if the Gas Tax was included in General Fund Receipts. Powell responded affirmatively.

The Street Fund is in the green by \$280; it's tight due to an extra employee, summer help. Funds were added here. Isaacs-Niemesh commented on the great job he's done. Whitacre added he's taking classes and is a good worker. Discussion followed. Powell discussed Water Operating Fund and personnel changes. A question was posed on \$577,000 listed as a grant. Discussion followed. Powell discussed the \$1,000,000 loan advising she reduced the line item to reflect the payment set aside towards the loan for 2020. The difference between Revenue and Expenses in the Water Operating Fund for 2020 is \$261,521.39.

Powell provided totals for estimated receipts. She highlighted the Woodlands of Morrow projected contributions, tap-in fee and discussed how it is used. The Mayor commented on the restrooms and gazebo at the park. Powell advised \$11,579 was in the Park Fund. Fiscal Officer Tina Powell discussed collections for the Village, highlighting Mayor's Court and Permissive Tax. The Schuerer Trust Fund remains the same at \$85,000 and. State Highway/Parks, etc. is \$22,000. The Fiscal Officer advised Trash is okay now; fees will need to be increased next year due to the number of new homes. Powell advised the Tax Budget is due to Warren County for review following Village approval.

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Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #10-19; second by Councilman Steiner. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adopt Resolution #10-19, approving the 2020 Tax Budget; second by Steiner. All yea by roll call. Motion carried.

Public Forum

Mr. Frederick asked if the Village is getting revenue from the school on Welch Road. Walls-Parker advised there would be people occupying the building within the year. Isaacs-Niemesh stated we were told there was no intention of taking the building down. Discussion followed. Frederick also inquired regarding recycling. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to adjourn; second by Councilman Zorn. All yea.

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor