

Special Session of Village Council

July 14, 2020

Call to Order

The Special Session of Council was called to order by Mayor York Bryant at 7:00pm.

Roll Call

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

Jim Frederick – P

Jessica Smothers – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Ben Steiner – P

Mike McKeehan – A

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 information on deadlines and details for submission of the Tax Budget to Warren County. She discussed the proposed Tax Budget, estimated receipts and expenditures. A spreadsheet was provided via overhead projection with significant line items highlighted. Powell stated the Village has \$726,739.04 unencumbered now in the General Fund and will have \$726,839.90 in green at the end of 2021.

Powell noted a few changes; she advised electrical expenses were up as well as supplies. Continuing General Fund highlights, Powell advised she included \$12,000 under General Fund Expenses for the annual payment for the police cruiser.

She reviewed major General Fund items, to include the Water Plant. The Street Fund is under budget by \$10,903.92. Powell discussed the Water Operating Fund, advising it was under budget by \$101,193.87 with an ending fund balance of \$601,660.48. She explained the Water Operating Fund is not part of the General Fund and discussed appropriate use of funds and pending grant match. She provided totals for estimated receipts. She highlighted the Woodlands of Morrow projected contributions, tap-in fee and discussed how it is used.

State Highway Fund, Revenue and Expenditures were highlighted and the Park Fund balance of \$33,264.92. Councilman Frederick asked how much was allocated for the Warren County Drug Task Force. Powell responded \$1500 was included. She advised Property Tax Receipts from the County were up from \$40,000 to \$60,000 and provided the rationale around her reasoning. The Fiscal Officer advised Income Tax Receipts would hit \$393,000 this year, a slight increase in the budget revenue. Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre inquired if the new home income tax fund increased. Powell advised she used \$400,000 conservatively in the 2021 Tax Budget.

The Fiscal Officer stated she allowed for 3% employee increases under Expenditures in the 2021 budget. Whitacre discussed the grant funds for the Water Tower and the 3% increase budgeted for personnel. Frederick asked the status of personnel and number of vehicles and use. Discussion followed on car use, auxiliary and part-time police officers. The Mayor stated a bobcat is needed with a broom; we can buy or rent attachments. Powell stated Public Works is concerned about snow removal equipment. The Mayor discussed the condition of the current equipment; it will need to be welded. Frederick asked if money will be allocated in next year's budget for truck, etc. Discussion followed. Powell advised Flood Insurance is included with the loan balance for the Maintenance Building at 153 East Pike Street.

Zorn inquired about Cigarette Tax. Powell explained it is one of the smaller intergovernmental funds. Discussion followed. She stated Woodlands Tap-In Fee 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. Village Solicitor John Kaspar read the pending Resolution.

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Motion by Steiner to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #7-20; second by Zorn. Motion by Steiner to adopt Resolution #7-20, approving the 2021 Tax Budget; second by Frederick. All yea by roll call. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor