

Village of Rhinebeck
Special Meeting- Budget 2019-2020
Minutes - February 5, 2019 - 7:00 PM

Mayor Bassett opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gary Bassett	present
Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit	present
Trustee Howard Traudt	present
Trustee Brant Neuneker	present
Trustee John Rossi	present - late arrival

Also present was Treasurer Karen McLaughlin.

WATER-

On Friday, January 25th at 10:00 am Trustee Neuneker, Chief Water Operator Brian Alix, DPW Superintendent John Fenton and Treasurer McLaughlin met to discuss the Water budget. Trustee Neuneker reviewed the water budget line by line. As the union contract is already set, a 2% increase was budgeted for the employees.

Trustee Neuneker reviewed each line item with the board explaining any increase or decrease.

The board discussed the charges for the hydrants and fire lines. Treasurer McLaughlin reported that Chief Operator Alix and Deputy Clerk Krissy Denu are in the process of identifying all the hydrants, counting and marking them to make sure billing is correct.

The board discussed creating an outside village water district and kept some funding in the engineering line item for exploring that.

After a full review of each line item, the tentative water budget was set at \$965,849, requiring no change to water rates at this time.

Trustee Neuneker asked for the following to be purchased from this year's budget:

Motion made by Trustee Neuneker to authorize a chemical metering pump purchase of \$3,402.50, seconded by Trustee Traudt and all were in favor with the exception of Trustee Rossi who was absent.

Motion made by Trustee Neuneker to authorize the purchase of a remote turbidity meter (sole source) for \$3,402.50, seconded by Trustee Lewit and all were in favor with the exception of Trustee Rossi who was absent.

Motion made by Trustee Lewit to open a new bank account for the Water Main Project and deposit \$250,000 (previously allocated from Fund Balance). This was seconded by Mayor Bassett and all were in favor with the exception of Trustee Rossi who was absent.

WASTE WATER-

On Friday, January 25th at 1:00 pm Trustee Traudt, Chief Waste Water Operator Brian Baccomo, and Treasurer McLaughlin met to discuss the Waste Water budget. Trustee Traudt reviewed the waste water budget line by line. As the union contract is already set, a 2% increase was budgeted for the employees.

Trustee Traudt reviewed the Sewer budget line by line, identifying the major changes as follows:

Items added

81202.13	Bearings 4@ \$1,000 ea	\$4,000.00
	Clarifier Gear Drive	\$5,000.00
	Clarifier Scraper on Oxidation	\$4,000.00
	Ditch	
	new motor for Muffin Monster	\$3,000.00
	(grinder replaced in 2017)	
	VFD	\$700.00
		\$16,700.00
81302.13	Spare motor replacement	
	10 motors (2 a year)	\$15,000.00
	Spare pumps	\$10,000.00
Researching but not in budget	Shed 10' x 16'	4000
	tool inventory	5000
	Electric Gate	?
	Apron (ramp) project	?
	Concrete pad	?
will do this year	Mobile Gas meter	?

Trustee Traudt would like to look into the history of salary increases to be fair to all if an increase is to be given after a year or certain time and/or certification.

The board discussed the concern about purchasing spare pumps and having them stored for too long. Trustee Traudt will reach out to Chief Operator Baccomo to get clarification.

The board discussed going out to bid for sludge hauling and asked Treasurer

McLaughlin to look into when it was last done.

After a full review of each line item, the tentative waste water budget is set at \$813,415, requiring no change to sewer rates at this time.

The board discussed an overall need to update departments' inventory/fixed assets and established April 1st as a deadline to have submitted to the Treasurer's office items with a minimum value amount of \$250.00.

Adjourn- Motion made by Mayor Bassett, seconded by Trustee Neuneker and all were in favor to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen P. McLaughlin
Treasurer