

**Village of Rhinebeck
Special Meeting- Budget 2019-2020
Minutes - February 26, 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

Also present was Treasurer Karen McLaughlin.

The board took care of Other Business first:

Election Inspector- Motion made by Mayor Bassett, seconded by Trustee Rossi and all were in favor to appoint Donna Mc Gann (alternate Election Inspector) to work in place of Betty Lou Bautz at the Village Election on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 12:00-9:00 pm.

Financial Advisor for Water Main Project- After discussing the experience and familiarity with the upcoming Water Main replacement project, a motion was made by Trustee Neuneker to accept the proposed Municipal Advisory Services agreement from Munistat Services, Inc. for the \$3,735,000 DWSRF Project No. D0-18499 EFC financing not to exceed \$9,500. This was seconded by Trustee Rossi and all were in favor. Motion passed. (Agreement on file in the Clerk's office)

HIGHWAY-

On Friday, February 15th at 10:00 am Trustee Lewit, DPW Superintendent John Fenton, Highway Foreman Mike Wolff and Treasurer McLaughlin met to discuss the Highway Department budget. Trustee Lewit reviewed the highway budget line by line. As the union contract is already set, a 2% increase was budgeted for the highway employees.

Trustee Lewit discussed his observation that the Highway Department has been underfunded compared to past years' and for the services they provide. He discussed the road project covered by the NYS CHIPS reimbursement program and reported that if we are going to do $\frac{3}{4}$ of a road, we will need to increase the Village's paving budget. He is proposed an increase from \$35,000 to \$45,000. Lewit explained that he would like to combine this with a strategy to spend the budgeted funds first for a portion of Wynkoop and Locust Grove Road and rollover this year's CHIPS funds for the following year to be used for paving needs after the Water

project is complete on Platt, Chestnut and Livingston Streets.

The mayor asked if any of this paving was covered under the grant for the Water project. Trustee Neuneker will check and report back to the board.

Trustee Lewit continued to review the Highway line items explaining any increases or decreases.

Trustee Lewit also reported to the board that he has concerns about the Street Light replacement project. Central Hudson keeps raising the cost to buy back the lights and NYPA has not come up with a contractor for maintenance.

Trustee Lewit also reported that there may be a Frost Grant for funding tree inventory, planning and planting (of some larger shade trees); however the annual cost to the village would be approximate \$2,000 annually for the software and support. If received, the annual costs would start with the 2020/21 budget.

The board talked about cleaning and maintenance of storm drains and catch basins.

BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING- Trustee Rossi discussed the need for a Planning & Zoning minute clerk. He explained that this would be a contracted position that would be approximately \$125 per meeting of which there are about 2 a month. He requested \$500 be added to 80104.01.0.02 Zoning – fees non-employees and \$3,000 to 80204.01.0.02 Planning – fees non-employees. The board agreed.

WASTE WATER- Trustee Traudt presented the list of motors and pumps with replacement costs provided by Brian Baccomo, Chief WWTP Operator. \$25,000 has been put in the budget for it and Trustee Traudt will get more clarification regarding the timing of these purchases for spares.

The board agreed that there are a few things that need to be determined before a final review of the budget as a whole:

- Determine what part of the paving will be included in the Water Main project grant.
- Obtaining the assessed valuation for the Village from Dutchess County.
- Get an amount for what if any increase there will be to the village's portion of DC Quarterly Sales tax on the heels of NYS eliminating State Aid to most Towns and Villages.

A Budget Workshop meeting was scheduled for March 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm to review the entire budget and the Water and Sewer budgets.

Adjourn- Motion made by Mayor Bassett, seconded by Trustee Rossi and all were in

favor to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen P. McLaughlin
Treasurer