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## BUDGET SESSION MINUTES

February 23, 2021

6:00pm

@ Barker Fire Hall

Mayor Aaron Nellist  
Deputy Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley  
Trustee R. James Baker  
Trustee Aaron Davis  
Trustee Jordan Gow

In **Attendance**: Melanie Hirschman, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington. All Board members were present.

Mayor Nellist **opened the meeting at 6:06pm** by administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Continuing FY 2021-2022 Budget discussions:**

Began with Water Fund expenditures F8310.11-F9710.7. Mayor Nellist discussed getting the quotes needed for replacing the water meters and updating to radio water reads. The initial quote was \$59,000, the USDA short lived asset reserve account can be used for water assets that last 10 years or less. This will not be placed in this fiscal year, but the groundwork can be completed so it can be in the future.

After the Water Fund expenditures, the Revenue accounts were reviewed and discussed at length, due to NYS withholding 20% of all county's sales tax disbursements in 2021 and 2022 to fund the distressed long term care facility and hospital fund in the amount of \$50 million dollars. This will lead to a \$25,000 decrease in A1120 revenue line alone. Trustee Davis stated he gave Police Chief Braugher the contact information for the NYS DWI crackdown weekends offered through grant reimbursement. The next weekend eligible will be March 18-20, 2021. This cannot be budgeted that we will be receiving it in case of lack of funds by the NYS to fund the program and we would adjust the budget in the future if it were received.

After the Revenue account lines were reviewed, compensation was discussed. Minimum wage increased to \$12.50 per hour starting January 1, 2021. According to the NYS Dept. of Labor website 2022's minimum wage figures will not be released until October 2021, therefore the board decided to make sure the part time DPW Laborers and Village Hall office staff were placed at \$13.50 per hour for FY 2021-2022. Police part time officers were set at \$15.50 and Sergeant at \$16.50 for FY 2021-2022. A discussion about the total amount that would be placed in the Police A3120.12 Officer personal service line. An overall majority felt that it should hold at \$6,100, but after deliberation regarding ways to save money by cutting the use of the 2<sup>nd</sup> air card and wage increase for the officers, the figure of \$7,000 was settled on. Mayor Nellist stated that a cost savings could be seen by reducing the number of Police vehicles in use. Trustee Davis expressed his expectation to have the Police Department utilize more grant funds available to offset patrol hours and would like to see more of a presence on Quaker Road due to the speeding vehicles. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley stated she felt the Village should approach the Town of Somerset about remedying the Police Department contract lost in 2013. A discussion ensued about the two departments and it was left open ended for future discussion.

Trustee Davis asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss the two full time employee's compensation, a second was not offered by another board member.

The discussion of the two full time salaries was brief and settled on tentatively putting in 1% at this time. As the final figures are compiled, several expenditure lines will need to be revised to ensure fiscally responsible spending during this difficult post pandemic economy.

A motion for **adjournment was made at 7:27pm** by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Baker,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

**Next Budget Session will be Monday, March 1, 2021 immediately following the Work Session meeting scheduled for 6:00pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner, CMC, RMC, CMFO  
Clerk-Treasurer