

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 28, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present: Mayor John Barton
Trustee Michael Horrigan
Trustee Daniel Hogan
Attorney Bill Nikas

Absent: Trustee James Gallagher, Jr.
Trustee Jeffrey Gaulin

Mayor Barton begins the meeting by presenting the budget to the Board. The Mayor has gone through the budget and has made the estimates at the best of our knowledge. Last year the Tax Levy was \$8.50, proposed this year is \$8.56 and that keeps us within the tax cap. So, it is going up 6 cents per 1,000. The amount we raised by taxes are about \$200,000 more, and we are using less fund balance this year. We are looking at expending the total budget of \$5,487,507 for the General Fund. The total overall budget is \$6,611,677, and that is the Water Fund and the General Fund combined. Trustee Horrigan adds, he believes it is the best we can do to stay under the tax cap. Reviewing it, he believes the proper cuts were made, any additions that weren't put in but were ask for, we had to reluctantly tell them that they weren't going to get it. He would like to give a special thanks to Village Clerk, Cassandra, for putting the budget together and staying with the tax cap for our residents.

Next, the Mayor explains that Trustee Hogan and Trustee Gaulin have been working with Labella for a grant for the Fire Department. They are looking at a training facility, and he believes these types of things help with recruitment and retention. He did ask Trustee Hogan about location of the facility, and they are reviewing different locations but possibly placing it down at the Water Department. Mayor Barton is requesting for Trustee Hogan to work with Mike Fiorillo on location. Using the water property would be a preferred location because it is so closes to the reservoir. He would like to ask for approval from the Board to allow Labella to write and administer the grant, contingent upon Trustee Hogan talking with Mike Fiorillo and they are able to secure a location for the facility.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogan and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, to approve Labella to assist the Fire Department for grant administration for the fee of \$3,000, contingent upon being able to secure a location on village owned property or water department property.

Upon motion made by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, to approve the reinstatement of Evan Hoagland to full-time Police Officer, effective March 27, 2024, at the rate reflective in the PBA contract.

Upon motion made by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, to approve the promotion of Damian Duffy to Police Sergeant, effective April 1, 2024, at the rate reflective in the PBA contract.

Upon motion made by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, to approve to reinstate Ryan Woodward to Police Officer, effective April 1, 2024, at the rate reflective in the PBA contract.

Officer Woodward is taking a voluntary demotion to be able to be a full-time officer in our school district.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogan and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Cassandra Allen, Village Clerk-Treasurer