

Present: Mayor: James Cheney
Trustee: Greg DeRuyter (absent) Trustee: Howard Hughson
Trustee: Joe DeBrock Trustee: Brian Hemminger

Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer: David Nieskes;
Also Present: Phelps Community Center: Tom Cheney and Janie Burgess
Also Present: Phelps Memorial Library: Ginny Konz

6:00 PM Meeting/Workshop (budget) opened by Mayor Cheney

Community Center:

Since P.C.C. submitted their budget, they had a meeting and decided they need to hire a full time Executive Director. The fitness room is in need of a new floor. Janie Burgess has been selected to be the new Executive Director.

Library: 1. Ginny informed the members present that several grants have been eliminated or cut back.

There are a lot of people using the library computers for job searching. Since they turned in their budget request, they found out that their OWWL expenses will be increasing a considerable amount. Their annual campaign was not as good this year as the past year. Mayor Cheney was wondering why they are requesting the same amount from the village this year as last year because of their expenses constantly going up. Ginny said that when they make up their budget, there are on a calendar year where as the village is on a fiscal year.

2. Book Sale: There was discussion regarding the Library's upcoming book sale. Last year the Board let the Library use room 207 and part of the village meeting room. The members present will allow the library to do the same this year for a period of three (3) weeks.

Fire Department: Chief John Dole unable to attend meeting. Trustee/Fire Commissioner Hemminger discussed the proposed budget with Chief Dole. Chief Dole asked why the Fire Department's budget gets cut each year. Mayor Cheney said that their budget is usually the only one that has an increase of around 10% to 15% every year. There is no problem if the items they request are absolutely needed. Trustee Hemminger also informed the members present that the Town's annual payment to the Village was around \$86,000.00 this year and the upcoming budget only on \$79,000.00 budgeted as revenue. Trustee Hemminger informed the members that Chief Dole told him some of the hose has been tested recently and found out that some leak and needs to be replace. The members agreed that we will raise the Town's revenue by \$7,000.00 and increase the equipment line item on the appropriation side by \$7,000.00. This will be a one time transaction because of the necessity of purchasing hose. The fire department should not expect this to be an on going event.

BUDGET: Library: The members present agreed to increase the requested amount of \$32,000.00 to \$32,500.00.

P.C.C.: 1.) In the preliminary budget, Mayor Cheney increased the annual payment to P.C.C. by another \$10,000.00 to help toward the expense of hiring a new Executive Director with the understanding that this person would assist in leasing out empty rooms.
2.) Parking Lot: Mayor Cheney also discussed the possibility of paving the parking lot at the northwest corner. Ken McAllister figures approximately \$20,000.00. Mayor Cheney informed members present the Mary Preston Foundation Fund would split the cost of the paving in half with the village. The members present were in agreement to do this. The line item on the revenue side (A599 Appropriated From Fund Balance) and the line item on the appropriation side (A1620.4* Contractual for Village Hall) will be increased by \$10,000.00.

Transfer Station:

1.) Reduced Appropriations (A8160.2 Equipment) by \$8,000.00. We just purchased a new can out of this year's budget.
2.) Mayor Cheney reduced the revenue (A2376 Transfer Station-Town). This was because the Transfer Station should be running more equally and not as many expenses.

Water: No changes

Sewer: No changes

- Salaries:
- 1.) Full Timers and Police Department: Increase of 65 cents/hr
 - 2.) Part Timers: .25 cents/hr
 - 3.) Part Timer: John Walti (Transfer Station Operator): increase of 25 cents/hr beginning with next payroll and starting June 1, 2010 another 25 cents/hr. This is due to the fine work and comments the board has received from residents.
 - 4.) Planning Board: Chairman-\$60.00 per meeting; Members- \$30.00 per meeting
 - 5.) Zoning Board: Chairman- \$60.00 per meeting; Members- \$30.00 per meeting
 - 6.) Mayor: \$4,575.00 annually
 - 7.) Trustee: \$3,090.00 annually

Special meeting March 18, 2010

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Public Hearing: Public Hearing on proposed budget will be on April 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment: 09:15 PM: Motion by Trustee DeBrock, 2nd by Trustee DeRuyter and carried by members present to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nieskes
Village Clerk/Treasurer