

## MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES **NOVEMBER 07, 2019**

## **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

President Nunamaker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present at roll call were Trustees Curtiss, Fleischmann, Migdal and Schladt. Also present were Operations Managers Reese and Zintl, Administrator Soderholm, Assistant to the Administrator Bechler, Chief Waitrovich and Village Clerk Majkrzak. Trustee Wall arrived shortly after roll call.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

Administrator Soderholm presented an overview of the operating funds and their current and projected balances, 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan, road resurfacing program, vehicle replacement plan, major asset replacement plan, proposed projects and watermain rehabilitation analysis.

The vehicle replacement schedule includes both Police and Public Works. The replacement schedule calls for the purchase of a new bucket truck and possible joint purchase of a Vactor for Public Works and one SUV for the Police Department to replace one sedan. Administrator Soderholm explained that staff looked into different options for the Public Works vehicles such as hiring a contractor, purchasing new or used, and sharing equipment. After review, it was decided to purchase a new bucket truck and work with the Village of Barrington on an agreement to joint purchase a Vactor.

The Board discussed the scheduled major asset replacement items listed below:

- Police In Squad Video System \$37,500
- Police Parking Lot Resurface \$81,200
- Village Hall Parking Lot resurface \$33,100
- WWTP Wash Pump Press #1 \$14,500
- WWTP PW Storage Garage Roof \$15,300
- WTP #2 Heater / Dehumidifier \$37,100 (carry-over)
- Water Tower Repaint Interior \$119,100
- Webers Lift Station Control Panel \$13,300.
- Webers Lift Station Pump #1 \$18,200

Administrator Soderholm discussed adjusting the road program schedule to a true 20 year road resurfacing program starting in 2020 instead of the current 22 year program. A list of the roads and the 20 year schedule was reviewed. He stated that he has spoken to the Fire District to include their new parking lot in the resurfacing program bid to help save the District money. Design Engineering Services are required for the road resurfacing bid package and the Orchard Street Sidewalk and Ski Hill - Gardner Road Connection project.

The Board discussed the staff recommended projects listed below:

- Orchard Street Sidewalk \$60,000. Staff recommended this be included with the 2020 Road Program. Project also includes the addition of a sidewalk between the Middle School and Opatrny.
- Ski Hill Road and Gardner Road Connection \$150,000. Project has already been approved by the Village Board and can be combined with the 2020 Road Program.

Administrator Soderholm explained that staff has compiled data on all the water mains in town and in the older sections of town the water mains are 90+ years old. He stated that there are 113,000 feet of water mains. Administrator Soderholm suggested that it would be in the Village's best interest to start discussing how to fund replacement now. Discussion was held on Option 1 which is to adopt a one-time or multi-year increase of 62% to the water rate which equates to a 25% increase to the water bill and Option 2 which would be to increase the water rate by 31% and then use General Capital Funds to fund the remainder of the replacements. The general consensus of the Board was to establish a funding program similar to Option 1 that uses only water rates to fund future water main replacements. The Board suggested an open forum to be held to inform the residents before the rate goes into effect. Administrator Soderholm said that the rate adjustments could be offset by funds generated by future new developments. The Board directed staff to offset future water rates by newly generated revenue from major future development projects.

Administrator Soderholm explained various components of the Tax Levy. He stated that because the Village is non-home rule, it can only increase the tax by no more than the consumer price index plus any new property added to the tax rolls. Administrator Soderholm reviewed the figures and suggested the Village take the Tax Levy and if the Board wanted to offset the increase, other revenue sources could be reduced such as eliminating vehicles stickers, reducing the electricity surcharge, or the natural gas surcharge. Discussion was held. A straw poll was taken and all members were in favor of going forward with the CPI increase of the tax levy.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Wall made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:30 p.m. Trustee Schladt seconded. All were in favor.

Robert Nunamaker, Village President

Barbara Maikrzak, Village Clerk