

VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS
September 28, 2021

The Village of Osceola Board met for a Special Budget Workshop #2 meeting on September 28, 2021 at Village Hall. Village President Jeromy Buberl called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Remotely were Buberl, Van Burch, and Holly Walsh. In person were Joel West, Deb Rose, and Bruce Gilliland

Excused: Brad Lutz

Staff present: Benjamin Krumenauer, Frances Duncanson

Others present: No one.

Motion by Burch and seconded by Rose to approve the agenda

Ayes-6 Nays-0 Motion carried.

Other business – discussion and possible action re:

2022 Budget Workshop 2

Krumenauer reviewed several points of the proposed 2022 budget. It is projected we will have a levy increase of 3.21% from 2021, the debt portion of the levy has dropped slightly. The local mill rate is projected to drop by three cents to \$9.14. Since the large 2019 increase we have had a 14% drop.

The Capital Improvement plan was reviewed. It is for five years with an additional five years illustrated. Some items have design in year one, and construction/purchase/implementation in year two. Krumenauer reviewed the worksheet and explains the color codes. There are six categories, general and utility capital borrowing and operating, impact fees, and other financing sources. Gilliland asked about the 2023 impact fees line being blank. Krumenauer did not see the need for projects that would be paying impact fees, and there are some restrictions on impact fees. The proposed projects were reviewed by the Public Works committee and fills in our next two years by fitting our needs and abilities. We have some unknowns such as Simmon Drive and some potential needs such as security cameras. The big project in 2023 is expected to be one with West Central WI Biosolids. They need another build out and the Village share may be \$1.1 million, so it is something we need to plan for. We do borrow and share equipment from our neighbors like the woodchipper and street sweeper. West asked about the Cascade Falls build out. Krumenauer is meeting with Julie Golanska of the National Park Service about grant opportunities. Rose asked about the 2nd and Chieftain parking lot purchase. We are supposed to buy it and need to get it off the books.

The next discussion was on draft two of the 2022 budget and revisions from our last meeting. Revenues are at about 95% certainty on where we sit, except for our transportation aids went down so we adjusted for that. We are conservative in the unknowns. We tried to accommodate Village Departments where we could. Some are funded well for day to day and lacked capital needs and infrastructure. We are approximately \$3,000 under budget for expenses. The Library funding is at \$139,000, the FAA match for the airport is \$7,500, the PCEDC at \$2700, and Chamber at \$7500. The Budget is balanced and meets department needs. The budget funds our property reevaluation over one year instead of two.

The Board went into general discussion, questions, and comments. Chamber/Main Street funding was discussed. Burch comments on the Chamber and the extra funds they are requesting, he knows we can't afford it right now but supports giving them more funding in the future. Burch would like to see a \$2,500 increase to give a little bit extra that still goes back into the community. Rose stated Germaine Ross is retiring as of December 31st so there will be a transition. West asked about statistics we requested from Chamber. Krumenauer stated they will be presenting the information at the Admin & Finance Committee meeting on Friday. Walsh also wants additional funding for Chamber, and we underestimate their value. West wants to wait and see their plan before we decide.

West asks about the fund balance. Krumenauer stated we basically have \$50,000 for 2020 unrestricted cash on

hand. We will see the \$490,000 special assessment revenue in 2022 from the RDA. Burch asked about state transportation aids dropping and if all municipalities were affected the same. Krumenauer stated it is based on what was spent in prior years. He is also looking into utilities payments from the state. Buberl asks about the Easy IT contract term. It is five years, and we will renegotiate it next year. We are still working on union contract negotiations. We have hit a dead end with WPPA, so mediation or arbitration is possible.

Discussion of and action on any other appropriate items

Rose commented if the Horst property was open to the public and suggested reaching out to them. West asked for a update on Simmon Drive. Krumenauer will attend the Town of Osceola board meeting in October.

President Buberl adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.