

Village Budget Workshop
February 24, 2020, 6:00pm
Village Municipal Center

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Paul Labas, Trustees Dean Hyatt, Stephanie Munger, and Dan Brown; absent Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith Jr.

Village Key Staff: Superintendent of Public Works George Johnson, Ass't Superintendent Scott Mackey, Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Diana Scarlotta and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: None

Others: Mary King, President, Pember Library & Museum, and Mr. Robert Tatko

Mayor Labas called the Budget Workshop to Order at 6:00pm.

Appoint Additional Election Inspector: Given the contested nature of the upcoming Special Election on March 18th, the Mayor reviewed a request for an additional Election Inspector, Janel Prehoda. Mrs. Prehoda is the present Court Clerk and a Village resident. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved the appointment of Janel Prehoda as election inspector. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried 3-0 with Trustee Brown abstaining.

Consider Appointment of Substitute Drivers for Senior Shuttle (2): The Senior Shuttle is staffed by Village/Town employees on M-W-F and employees from the agency known as LEAP on Tu-Th. The shuttle has experienced a lack of coverage during periods where LEAP is closed for certain holidays, inclement weather, illness, etc. Patrons have come to expect that the Shuttle will operate five days a week. As a result, an ad was placed for substitute drivers and seven applications were received. Following a review of the applications, interviews were conducted, and the following candidates are recommended for hire at a rate of \$11.80/Hour pending receipt of appropriate review of driving status as received through the DMV:

Ernie Wood
Michael Morris

Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved the hiring of two substitute drivers as recommended. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Budget Review: Mayor Labas provided an overview of the working copy of the Village's 2020-21 Tentative Budget. He emphasized that the General Fund Budget was balanced and tax-cap compliant, and that the Water and Sewer Fund Budgets each contained increases of \$10 per household per year.

The Board inquired relating to certain line items in each budget and answers were provided by the Mayor and/or Dept. Heads. The Department Heads indicated that they were agreeable to their respective line items/budgets as presented.

Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone asked to be recognized and the Mayor granted his request. He inquired as to the feasibility of receiving a salary adjustment to \$10,000. Based upon the volume of calls

that he was receiving and the amount of work associated with the position. The Mayor advised that he would take this request under advisement and follow up in the coming week.

There being no other business, Trustee Hyatt moved that the Budget Workshop be adjourned at 7:00pm. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer