

Budget Workshop
February 15, 2023, 6:00pm
Village Municipal Center

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Paul Labas, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith Jr. (*via teleconference*), Trustees Dean Hyatt and Dan Brown

Village Key Staff: Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr. and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press/Others: None

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

2023-24 Budget (Working Copy): The Mayor circulated an updated working copy of the Village Budget for 2023-24 to the Board and Dept. Heads in attendance. There were some changes seen in the General Fund Budget based upon conversations with the School Superintendent regarding the SRO position. The Mayor then asked the Clerk-Treasurer to review the General, Water & Sewer Fund Budgets with the Board. The Mayor/Board asked for an increase in the Local Ordinance Officer's salary line item (to \$13K). The Clerk advised that he would make that change and offset with an equivalent increase in revenue or decrease in appropriations to maintain a 0% tax increase. There were no requested changes beyond this. No changes were requested for the Water or Sewer Fund Budgets.

The Board then commenced a period of discussion with the Police Chief regarding personnel and equipment needs. The Chief cited the need for a new police cruiser. The Board also inquired of the Clerk if the DPW had any equipment needs. The Clerk advised that the present lease for the Doosan loader would be expiring in the coming fiscal year, and the Superintendent had advised that he hoped to replace with a slightly smaller loader or excavator. The Clerk's understanding, however, is that any new lease/purchase payment would just replace the existing lease, and thus not seen to affect the Budget.

Following the discussion pertaining to the 2023-24 budget, the Clerk-Treasurer provided the Board with some estimates/projections concerning the 2022-23 fiscal year.

At 6:40pm, Trustee Brown moved that the Board convene an Executive Session regarding a potential hire within the Police Department. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *The Police Chief accompanied the Board into the Executive Session.*

At 7:00pm, Trustee Hyatt moved that the Board return to regular session. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Brown moved the hiring of C.J. Davidsen as a full-time Police Officer effective March 22nd at the 10-year officer rate per the existing collective bargaining agreement. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Police Chief be authorized to proceed with the purchase of a new Police Cruiser for the Department, with final figures to be presented at the March 6th Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Hyatt moved the re-hiring of Police Officer T.J. Zovistoski following his retirement, effective March 6th, at the 10-year pay rate per the existing collective bargaining agreement. Said appointment is made to allow the Village to complete its contractual obligation to Granville Central School to provide SRO services, and effective through the expiration of the contract (June 23), unless the School were to terminate the contract sooner. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Deputy Mayor Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Roberts', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer