

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Budget Workshop meeting of the Kinderhook Village Board of Trustees
Minutes

Present: Mayor Mike Abrams Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Heeder	Trustees: David Flaherty Dorene Weir James Mark Browne Susan Patterson
Attendees: Dale Leiser Jerry Callahan Dave Booth	

Informal budget workshop meeting began at 6:08 p.m.

Purpose: Mayor Abrams and Trustees held preliminary budget workshop meeting for fiscal year beginning June 1, 2023, through fiscal year end May 31, 2024.

The Mayor and Village Board reviewed, line by line, the general fund, water fund, and capital projects funds.

Action Steps:

Charging station – Trustee Browne to review matching costs with Chatham. \$1,499.48 as of Feb 2nd, goal of \$2,000 to cover cost of electricity and maintenance.

Mortgage tax - Clerk/Trustee Heeder needs to review – 2023 budgeted \$25,000.

Rothermel Park - Trustee Weir to meet next week with park design Plan Company – survey provided plan, Parkitects Playground equipment - \$10,000 placeholder.

Buildings – projects to consider including in the FY24 budget: Village Hall lower roof, door to furnace room, updating fire alarms (estimate in), painting windowsills at Village Hall and air conditioning for Troopers barracks. \$34,000 balance after \$15,000 comes out of the saving for contractor Jeff Pizza to finish the Village Hall front entrance door. Trustee Flaherty to get quotes on mini splits.

Trooper’s barracks – is it possible for them to pay rent? Mayor to call the Town and request an increase. The Town pays \$2,000 to assist in the costs of having them in the Village Hall. With the Town’s budget done, consideration for next year.

Fire department – per Mayor and Trustees we should consider an award for Chuck Rothermel’s 50 years of service.

CEO safety inspections – consider need for CEO tablet.

Streets administration – additional street admin personnel services for Superintendent Dave Booth’s timecard. Clerk/Treasurer Heeder needs to get estimate of number of hours and what categories Dave will need for administration work.

DPW Truck - Jerry Callahan relayed reminder of Climate Smart Agenda for NYS – hard dates when you won’t be able to buy fossil fuel vehicle – long term strategic plan for vehicles including planned obsolescence. Super. Dave Booth to look at value of buying new.

CHIPS money – Gaffney top of list, and McNary. Mayor asks if we can do Gaffney and McNary? Trustee Browne asks if can Tighe & Bond help with bid?

Sidewalks - \$4,500 repairs, replace entrance to pump house, put back money for Church sidewalk \$14,000? Estimate placeholder \$4,500 + \$1,800. Superintendent Booth to get quote. Sidewalk in front of pump house to be done in-house.

Per Trustee Browne, Director Renee Shur requested two signs (and posts), one near the park and one near the DPW garage pointing folks to the Village, estimate \$800, Trustee Browne motioned to approve, Trustee Flaherty seconded, all voted ‘Aye.’

Recreation equipment – Trustee Weir holding for list of materials for kayak launch under Parks & Recreation, holding for teeter totter price. 2 picnic tables of composite material and 8 feet long, \$4,000.

Trail - Trustee Browne to meet with state trail people end of month.

Historian - \$50 Clerk/Treasurer Heeder to reach out to Kate to see if she has needs.

Medical insurance – Clerk/Treasurer Heeder to look at different plan within NYSHIP.

Albany Ave. - \$40,000; Trustee Browne questions if interest on borrowing can go against grant \$94,500 total.

Savings acct. \$184,000; \$45,000 – 229,000 for fire truck – more discussion necessary – per Mayor need to meet with Matt.

Per Trustee Flaherty – need good up-front messaging for Albany Ave. project.

Clerk/Treasurer Heeder needs official form for finishing capital project for Gaffney and McNary, to put in budget, how much of CHIPs money, etc.

Next meeting March 22, 6pm.

Mayor Abrams motioned to adjourn; Trustee Flaherty seconded. All voted ‘Aye.’

Meeting concluded at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Pulver.

