

Minutes
Tentative Budget Meeting for the 2020-2021 Fiscal year
Monday, March 23, 2020

Due to COVID-19 pandemic the budget meeting was held by teleconference.

Present:

Mayor James Dunham-13 Eichybush Road, Zoom Videoconference

Trustee Richard Phillips-40 Sunset Ave., Zoom Videoconference

Trustee Dale Leiser- Myrtle Beach SC., Facetime

Trustee Robert Baumeister-7 Catskill View Drive- Zoom Videoconference

Trustee David Flaherty-23 Eichybush Road, Zoom Videoconference

Village Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Heeder-6 Chatham Street, Zoom Videoconferencing & Facetime

Mayor Dunham opened the budget meeting at 6:14 pm. Mayor Dunham stated due to COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 202.1 which suspends the Open Meetings Law to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by law without allowing the public to be physically present at the meeting. The meeting will be recorded and will be uploaded to the village of Kinderhook's website (villageofkinderhook.org) for listening. Questions/ Comments could be sent to NHeeder@villageofkinderhook.org. He announced where he and each board member including Clerk/Treasurer was videoconferencing from.

He noted the proposed budget is the regular expenses to run the village and a wish list of projects from the village board. The village board will review the budget to determine what the village is able to consider in staying within the property tax cap.

The Village Board entered the budget meeting with a total proposed budget of \$1,367,966.00. The total assessed value of the village of \$149,326,370. The proposed amount to be raised by taxes of \$435,678.00 with a tax rate of \$2.91762 per thousand of assessed value.

The village board reviewed the proposed revenues and expenses in the General, Water, Sewer and Capital Project Funds for the proposed 2020/2021 fiscal year.

The following changes were made:

The assessed value of the village was not updated to the current 2020/2021 fiscal year. Clerk Treasurer Heeder corrected the assessed value of the village from \$146,944,088.00 (last years assessed value) to the current total assessed value of the village of \$149,326,370 for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. With the correct assessed value of the village, the tax rate is proposed at \$2.91762 per thousand of assessed value.

General Fund Revenue

Increase

A2262 Fire Protection \$1,654.00

The village board discussed the following projects including the associated costs of the engineer and consultant fees for the projects:

1. Solar project on the Fire house and DPW garage
2. Bandstand
3. Village Hall front entrance
4. Van Buren Hall
5. Kinderhook Creek
6. Church Street sidewalk
7. William Street

A discussion on what percent should the Village Board considers reducing their expected sales tax revenue due to COVID-19.

Mayor Dunham requested the Village Board review their numbers and see where they could cut their proposed expenses. He scheduled a budget meeting for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 6pm noting it will also need to be held by teleconference.

Mayor Dunham adjourned the budget meeting at 7:30 pm and entered into executive session to discuss personnel; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk

Executive Session

No motions were made.

Mayor Dunham adjourned Executive session at 8:40 pm.

James Dunham
Mayor