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Village of South Glens Falls
46 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY12803

April 26th, 2022

6:00 PM

Special Village Board Budget Meeting Investment Policies

MAYOR NICHOLAS BODKIN PRESIDING

Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Bodkin
Trustee Gutheil
Trustee Girard
Trustee Orlow
Trustee Carota

TJ Chagnon
Samantha Berg
Alan Dubois
Bob
Kevin Ostrander
Chief Gifford
TJ Wade
Alex

1. The Meeting is called to order at 6:00PM and the Mayor would like to start with the salary page of the budget. **Motion #042623-1** to adjust TJ Chagnon's salary to \$67,000, this is to be consistent with other department head raises. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
2. Appropriations have been adjusted per previous resolutions. **Motion #042623-2** to move \$3,000 from A7110.404 to A8560.0401 for Spring Planting needing more funds. Trustee Girard motioned. Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, Motion passed.
3. **Motion #042623-3** to budget \$5,000 for A7110.0406 parks repairs & maintenance for this fiscal year and encumber \$5,000 from this year. Increase A8020.0400, planning board contractual expenses to \$2,800. Increase A8560.400, shade trees to \$15,000. Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
Discussion: There is discussion about repairs and maintenance of the Betar Byway. Intent is to work on Beautification and Environmental Consciousness. Trustee Gutheil did not see the value in what we spent last year, especially the park.
4. Trustee Gutheil asked why A9010.0800, employee retirement benefits increased from last fiscal year. Samantha provided explanation.

5. **Motion #042623-4** to increase A9901.0901, fire apparatus capital reserve with \$20,000 from fund balance to prepare for possibly needing a new fire truck in the future. Trustee Gutheil motioned, Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor, motion passed
Discussion: The Board discussed possibly needing a new firetruck.
6. Trustee Girard brings up the Trustees and Mayors salary. **Motion #042623-5** to reduce the proposed salary increases to 4% A1010.0100 Trustee personal services and A1210.0100 Mayor personal services. Trustee Gutheil motioned, no second and motion failed.
7. **Motion #042623-6** to reduce the Trustees salary increase from \$1,000 to \$400. Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor except for the Mayor who voted no. Motion passed.
Discussion: Trustee Gutheil discussed the tax cap and the recent Town assessments effect. The Mayor provided some answers to Trustee Gutheils questions. Trustee Gutheil said the Mayor wanted to raise taxes last year and had several other comments. The Mayor replied. Trustee Orlow commented on the salary in the past.
8. Trustee Gutheil had questions on FX8310.0405 and TJ Chagnon answered them. Trustee Girard asked had questions about FX8310.0100, personal services and FX8310.0400 water admin billing expense. **Motion #042623-7** to increase FX8310.100, personal services to \$70,087. FX8310.0800 water admin fica/medicare will be \$5,365.00. FX8320.0412 water pump station filters will be \$15,000 FX8389.401 other water expenses will be zero. The Village does not need as much filters as budgeted for. Other expenses should have been personal services and fica medicare needed to be amended for this change. Motioned by Trustee Girard, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
9. Trustee Gutheil asked about FX8310.0414, water alarms and monitoring. TJ Chagnon said it is based off the monthly bills for the alarms and monitoring. Trustee Gutheil had several other questions and TJ Chagnon answered them. Trustee Gutheil has several questions about meters and grant projects and the Mayor replied.
10. **Motion #042623-8** to have G8110.0100, sewer personal services increased to \$42,050. G8110.0800, sewer admin FICA/Medicare increased to \$3,220. G8189.0400, other sewer expenses will be zero. This is for labor and will affect the FICA/Medicare to increase as well. Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
11. **Motion #042623-9** to increase G8131.0403, GF CE treatment facility to \$370,000 for anticipating an increase in the bill. Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
Discussion: There is discussion how this will affect the fund balance. Trustee Gutheil commented on a financial statement he had.

12. The Mayor asked if there were any revenue accounts the Board wanted to discuss. Trustee Girard asked about Public Safety Permits and Kevin Ostrander provided an answer. Trustee Gutheil asked how the amount was calculated. Kevin Ostrander said it is based off the amount of businesses in the Village. Trustee Gutheil asked about interest earned and several other revenue accounts, Samantha and the Mayor provided some information. The Mayor calculated the new revenue amount is \$3,118,324. Trustee Gutheil asked about A1130.0922, Time Warner Cable Gross Utility and if the budgeted amount is a mistake. The Mayor provided an explanation. The Mayor said the tax rate is looking to be at \$4.63, the decrease from last year is largely due to the assessment increase. \$157,952 is the total for changes. Trustee Gutheil had questions on miscellaneous revenues.
13. **Motion #042623-10** to go into Executive Session at 7:26PM inviting Samantha Berg to discuss Personnel. Motioned by Trustee Girard, seconded by Trustee Orlow. All in favor, motion passed.
14. **Motion #042623-11** to adjourn Executive Session with no action taken at 8:03PM. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
15. **Motion #042623-12** to purchase surplus weapons from the Village of Fort Edward not to exceed \$1,200 from A1990.0400, Contingency Contractual. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
16. **Motion #042623-13** to adopt the 2023-2024 budget as modified tonight with a tax rate of 4.62. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. Trustee Gutheil voted no, the Mayor abstained. Trustee Carota, Orlow, and Girard voted yes. Motion passed. Discussion: Trustee Gutheil requested several items be read aloud and had several questions.
17. **Motion #042623-14** to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:10PM. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.