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

April 19 ,2023

4:30 PM

**Village Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

MAYOR NICHOLAS BODKIN PRESIDING

Minutes

**Attendance:**

Mayor Bodkin  
Trustee Girard  
Trustee Gutheil  
Trustee Orlow

TJ Chagnon  
Samantha Berg  
Chief Gifford  
Kevin Ostrander  
Molly Devaux  
Alan Dubois  
Abc  
Bob  
Payus  
Alex

Absent: Trustee Carota

1. The Mayor calls the budget workshop to order at 4:33PM.
2. **Motion #041923-1** to increase A1010.100 Trustee Personal Services by 2%. Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. Trustee Gutheil and Girard vote no and Trustee Orlow and the Mayor vote no. The motion did not pass.  
**Motion 041923-2** to have a 4% increase in A1010.100. Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. Trustee Orlow and Girard voted yes, Trustee Gutheil and the Mayor voted no. Motion did not pass.  
Discussion: Trustee Girard would like A1010.100 to decrease to \$41,134. Trustee Gutheil and Orlow shared their opinion on this account. The Trustees would like to decide another percentage. The Mayor provided a dollar amount raise is more fair than percentages. Trustee Gutheil said it is arrogant for the Mayor to say he will not change his budget. The Mayor said he is standing behind his budget and the team that helped build it.
3. **Motion #041923-3** to have \$40,000 moved to HRA reserves. Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed. A9060.811 will go to \$60,000,

A9901-0917 will go to \$40,000, FX9060.0811 will go to \$5,800, and G9060.0811 will go to \$2,900.

4. **Motion #041923-4** to lower A1325.0101, Clerk Treasurer Overtime, to \$2,500. Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed. The Clerk Treasurer believes we are more fully staffed and will not need as much overtime.
5. **Motion #041923-5** to lower A1325.0402, CT Schools and Conferences to \$5,500. Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
6. **Motion #041923-6** to reduce A1430.0403, CSEA Attorney, to \$3,500 and the Board is okay with having to go to contingency if needed. Trustee Gutheil motioned, Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor except for the Mayor who votes no. Motion passed. The Mayor said he does not feel comfortable with lowering this account. The Mayor and the Board discussed the current time clock and needing a policy for it.
7. **Motion #041923-7** to have A1210.100 not increase by more than 4%. Trustee Gutheil motioned, Trustee Girard seconded. Trustee Guthiel and Girard voted yes. The Mayor voted no and Trustee Orlow abstained. Motion did not pass. Trustee Gutheil does not support the 10% increase for A1210.100, Mayor Personal Services.
8. The Mayor and the Board discussed the reason for the increase in A1440.200, Building Inspector Equipment, is for a large format scanner. Trustee Girard asked if the patrol car going to auction could be used for unofficial police business. The Chief provided they can unmark the car and this is possible.
9. A1621.0400, Village Building Repairs/Misc, has increased to include possible carpet cleaning or replacing and new shades. The board had a few questions regarding DPW accounts, TJ provided several explanations for anticipated purchases this budget year.
10. **Motion #041923-8** to have A.3120.0412, PD Building Repairs and Maintenance, be budgeted at \$12,000. Motioned by Trustee Girard, seconded by Trustee Gutheil. All in favor, motion passed.  
Discussion: A3120.0104, PD Miscellaneous Supplies will be changed to PD Misc Personnel. This amount was budgeted for the cost of outfitting and training two new full time officers. The Chief is looking to repair a door at the Police Station. The amount was lowered due to only receiving one quote, Trustee Girard believes we can get lower prices on some materials.
11. **Motion #041923-9** to lower A3120.0426, PD CE Safety Equipment, to \$7,000. Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.  
Discussion: The budgeted amount was lowered for purchasing the less expensive radar speed signs. Chief Gifford made comments about the difference in radars.
12. **Motion #041923-10** to lower account A3410.403, Fire Department Cleaning, to \$3,000 based on YTD expenses for the current fiscal year. Trustee Gutheil motioned, Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

13. There will be another public meeting 04/26/2023 at 6:00PM The Mayor calls this meeting to end at 6:00PM.