

Monday February 27, 2019
Village of Schuylerville
2020 budget meeting
with department heads

Present:

Mayor Daniel Carpenter
Trustee Jason Young
Trustee Bryan Drew
Trustee Robert Petralia
Trustee Tim LeBaron

Robin Decker was at the meeting to present his budget.

There were only two categories that he felt he should address. Firstly, he felt that the line for salt should be increased, as he does not have a price for salt per ton at this point. He estimated for \$15,532.00, with prices as they are. Mayor Carpenter stated that he had budgeted \$18,000.00 for the next year. Rob Decker stated that unless the county contract for salt came out much higher than expected, he felt that \$18,000.00 should be enough.

Secondly, Rob Decker stated that he felt that the tree account was a little high. Mayor Carpenter said that he had already taken that into consideration.

There was discussion regarding the dump truck, and how the payments for the bond for this would work into the budget.

Mayor Carpenter informed Rob that he hoped to increase the salaries for the DPW as follows;

Ray Carr would go up to \$18.00.

Walter Ruzuski would go to \$17.00.

Patrick Grogan would go to \$18.00.

Noah Kappit would go to \$17.00.

He told him that if the overtime could stay at 150 hours, that this would allow them to get the raises they needed. He stated that in the past three years the average amount of overtime was well below this.

There was discussion as to the subject of whether the DPW should be responsible for the snow removal at the waste water treatment plant. Rob Decker stated that he felt that this should be the responsibility of the waste water treatment plant personnel and that the snowblower at the plant should be sufficient for this, as it is five feet wide.

Trustee Petralia thought that even just a couple of swipes with the plow could save the staff at the plant exponentially.

Mayor Carpenter stated that on Wednesday there would be a corrected sewer budget. He stated that he would be bringing some projections for the 2020 budget.

There was talk of how the DPW should be prioritizing their time. The board discussed that they felt the DPW should be cleaning up Broad Street in a much more timely manner. Trustee Young stated that he

felt that this would also relieve the waste water treatment plant of some of the flow of storm water that inevitably makes its way to the plant.

Mayor Carpenter talked about the situation with the office staff and the hours that they are working. He felt that both of the office staff should be paid more. He recommended that both the clerk and the clerk/treasurer should be raised to \$45,000.00

There was discussion regarding the fact that the village currently does not have reserves set up for repairs and weather-related disasters

Mayor Carpenter informed the board that he would be creating a live google spreadsheet that he would send the board the link to. This would have the previous two years actual numbers, the current actuals, and a column for each trustee to add a proposed amount for each account.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he would have his column filled in when he sent it. The board could then come to compromises or agreements on each line.

Trustee Young made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.