

**Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Village of Schuylerville**  
**Presentation to the Clerk**  
**Of the fiscal year 2020 budgets**

Present;

Mayor Daniel Carpenter

Deputy Mayor Jason Young

Trustee Bryan Drew

Trustee Whitney Colvin

Trustee Tim LeBaron

The clerk presented the tentative budget to the village board.

Documents;

Salaries were made available

Operation and maintenance schedule for the sewer fund was made available

Total lines were added to the budget prep schedule for both the sewer and the general fund

DPW salary lines.

Budget amendments were discussed as follows.

Trustee LeBaron suggested removing the increases for the mayor and the trustees.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he did not have an opinion on this, as these increases were not in his original budget. Trustee Petralia thought that they should keep the increases.

Trustee Young stated that he felt that the increase was fair, as the board members contributed a lot of time to their village board duties.

Trustee LeBaron stated that with both the water and the sewer going up that the board should not take an increase.

The consensus of the board was to take away the increase for the trustee and the mayor salary.

Mayor Carpenter stated that after speaking with Rob, he felt that the probationary period for DPW should be 16.50 to go to 17 as they reach their full status. Trustee Young thought this would be a good policy, so that the current members would not feel slighted that new hires were receiving the same rate of pay as them.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he had been in communication with Flatley Read, and that they advised that \$6,000.00 would not cover the costs for administrating the grants. After much discussion, it was determined that \$10,000.00 would be more appropriate.

The proposed amendment is an increase to A.0511.006 Appropriated Reserves, Fort Hardy to \$10,000.00. Fund balance unreserved would be reduced to \$12,940.12. A.8989.400, Home and Community Services Contractual Grants would go from \$6000.00 to \$10,000.00.

The trailways project was discussed as pertains to the fact that the Town of Saratoga was contributing a \$228,000.00 Empire State Trailways grant towards the installation of the trail along the canal. The village will need to contribute \$30,000.00 for the installation of a parking lot at the trailhead, which is on village property.

There was discussion as to the purchase of the dump truck, and how it would be paid for. It was determined that the village would take out a note, and a bond.

PUBLIC COMMENT;

Wendy Lukas asked what the percentage of the raises were. Mayor Carpenter stated that the salaries of the laborer's were raised by dollar amounts, not percentages.

Leona Colvin asked what the salaries were for the sewer treatment plant operators were for the current year, as the salary sheet only had the proposed salaries for 2020. Mayor Carpenter clarified that the waste water treatment plant operator was currently at \$50,000.00 Scott Brooks was at \$30,000.00 to increase to \$35,000.00 when he receives his license. The increase for the operator would be to \$60,000.00 and the assistant would be \$40,000.00, pending the acquisition of his assistant operator license. Leona Colvin questioned the \$2,000.00 that was budgeted for Sanitary Sewers Personal.

It was clarified that the Sanitary sewers personel was for reimbursement to the DPW when they delivered sludge to the dump (or any other plant work). This is then posted as a revenue to the general fund.

The next question was in regard to the large amount of funds that were posted to miscellaneous. Ms Colvin complained that the residents were never able to get the details on exactly why this amount is so high.

Treasurer Heyman stated that a large portion of this was the insurance for the water treatment plant, which is reimbursed to the village annually for over \$10,000.00. Also in this amount is the reimbursement to the DPW when they take the sludge to the dump for the sewer fund. Treasurer Heyman stated that she had inquired with the comptrollers to find out if there was a more appropriate account to post these revenues to and agreed with Ms. Colvin that the less posted to miscellaneous the better.

Ms. Colvin did not agree to the raises that were proposed to the various departments.

Trustee Le Baron made the motion to adjourn Trustee Petralia seconded all in favor.