

VILLAGE BOARD WORK SESSION:

JANUARY 25, 2021

A Village Board Budget Work Session Meeting took place on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. held virtually on a Zoom Meeting.

PRESENT:

Mayor Bucco, Deputy Mayor Lang, Trustees Calore, Laudato & Sampson.

ALSO PRESENT:

Washingtonville Police Chief Brian Zaccaro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – TRUSTEE LAUDATO:

Trustee Laudato led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SCHEDULING OF THURSDAY’S ZOOM MEETING – MAYOR BUCCO:

Adoption of budget; Monday; Work Session; February 1, 2021 is due date.

BUDGET HEARING 3:

1ST PRESENTATION OF WATER/SEWER FUNDS – MAYOR BUCCO:

Cut \$10,000 off water fund; upgrades this yr. to w&s; sewer but wwtp also pump houses bring everything to wwtp; professional services & I’ll get into \$128,000; rounding up or down; \$105,000 admin., operation \$77,000; water purification \$41,000; transmission \$87,000, employee benefits \$47,000 & debt service \$133,000; add. debt service we have to address w/facility fees; water not increasing; village taxes are not going to increase; profess. services; attorneys, engineers; JCO; auditing; annual report & other engineering services we might need; attorney services this yr. was \$24,500 b/c we used attorneys to close on wwtp; we took out of water fund; \$1000-\$2000 range; admin.; village clerk, admin. personnel services, treasurer, water clerical, payroll, telephone; lease of photocopying machine for when we print out bills, split between water & sewer; garage utilities for pumps, electric; water operations increased; went up w/utilities; transmission up \$9500; we really under bdgt testing last yr.;

I added more \$; I flexible; chemicals; came down; transmission; a big increase; media maintenance; talking w/Lang; maintenance on meter \$ & fire hydrants throughout village; after all testing they did we had 3 fire hydrants were not working; Chris Martino (Superintendent of DPW) notified Brian Bates; Fire Chief of Monell; to let him know; done daily basis; employee benefits; dropped significantly from \$62,000 to \$47,000; here is debt service we have; total is same; interest & principal increased a little & decreased on other all right but I believe this is last yr. for debt of water; goes back to 2000; Mayor De Vinko had taken out a bond for wells; never put online; I believe this is last year for it; sewer went up \$5000; professional service is engineers; JCO; operations; decreased employee benefits & debt service is cut in half; debt service #s come from Unistat; financial advisor; administration increased \$8,000;

Professional increased again, engineering & other professional services that could be a broken pipe; we have to do some excavating or something down at plant; we had to replace 1 clarifier; there’s 2 clarifiers at wwtp; 1 collapsed; they had to take that offline; it was replaced & 1 is right behind it; something not included in overall project; special items, liability of sewer, cleaning supplies, simple operations did increase by about \$50,000; saving \$; not conservative w/sludge disposal; final product gets taken out to areas throughout state of NY; taken down to NJ; I

included gas in here; chemicals; chemicals gone up; testing has gone up personnel service has gone up; again utilities; comes down to conversations I had w/some of you; looking into solar down at wwtp; we have to do something w/our utility bills down there; again every pump in wwtp works; costs \$ to keep them working; employee benefits have dropped again by about \$10,000; keeping state retirement, social security, now these social security #s are what we pay our employees; not what we are paying JCO or anyone who comes there; if they work for village that \$ is coming from; life insurance; dental insurance; this is debt service that last yr. we had \$70,000; we use \$70,000, no balance; down to \$32,000; it's a little bit more than half; we have to address ban of EFC ban & interest; \$446,000 let's put that under facilities; we have to determine if we how we want to adjust out water billing; to me if our facilities was to go up; we are probably looking at about 55-60 dollars per quarter total minus 15 we already pay at end of yr. we are looking at 200 and to me that is a tax; we aren't raising the tax on the facility; water is ending next yr. we are going to have nothing; left w/bond & raising facility fees we have to look at commercial rates to school rates, we would have reached, Trustee Lang figured out we were about 25-30 percent off this yr. w/water b/c schools were closed; it becomes a lot of \$, any questions; if we could schedule a mtg., Laurisa, we can go over whole budget; get ready for adoption on Monday;

Trustee Sampson: Thursday, January 28th, at 7:00 p.m., I will send link.

No further questions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**SOPHIA FOLEY
ASSISTANT CLERK**