

**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX
SUSSEX, WISCONSIN**

**Minutes of the Village Board Budget Meeting of
September 22, 2020**

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President LeDonne at 6:13 pm.

Members present: Greg Zoellick, Lee Uecker, Scott Adkins, Ron Wells, Wendy Stallings, Michael Bartzen and President Anthony LeDonne.

Members excused: None

Also present: Administrator Jeremy Smith, Assistant Village Administrator Kelsey McElroy Anderson, Finance Director Nancy Whalen, Parks and Recreation Director Halie Dobbeck, Police Captain Lisa Panas, Interim Fire Chief Boyd Thew, Public Works Director/Engineer Judy Neu.

2. Comments from Citizens Present

No one present wished to speak.

3. Introduction and discussion on 2021 Budget

President LeDonne asked Administrator Smith to walk through section by section of the budget to see if there were questions. Mr. Smith did so.

Trustee Zoellick asked about the utility increases the Board had approved in July. Mr. Smith read from the report from July about the increases in each of 2021-2015 for Sewer and Storm. There are no water increases up for recommendation at this time.

Trustee Zoellick clarified that it's only \$125,000 for the dog park and not the \$150,000 listed. Mr. Smith said that was correct.

Trustee Bartzen asked about the Transportation aids and when we might know the actuals. Mr. Smith stated they are known in mid-October and it could be \$36,000 higher.

Trustee Bartzen asked about the increased revenue from occupancy permits.

President LeDonne wanted to see more information on commercial and multi-tenant buildings and peer community data before voting. They may want to go higher or make other adjustments here. Staff said they would come back with the information.

The Board directed adding to the cost of filing a board of appeals request. Trustee Adkins did express some concerns with the increase.

Trustee Zoellick asked that next years road program was just the intersection of Waukesha and Good Hope and not a mile of roadway. Mr. Smith stated the mile as listed referred to the lane miles in the Corporate Parks that are being rehabbed. Mrs. Neu said she would talk to whatever resident(s) had questions about the intersection work needing to be done.

Trustee Zoellick asked about how much ambulance revenue was being left on the table because of quality control and missed items in the paramedic reports. Chief Thew said he would look into the issue and get back to the Board.

Trustee Zoellick asked about how much ambulance revenue is written off due to Medicare, etc. Mr. Smith said he would get said information from the billing company.

Trustee Zoellick also wanted to know if anyone else paid the City of Waukesha for High Risk Rescue and could we charge it back.

Mr. Smith stated also that from last meeting the Board had asked about end of year finances with covid and that the Village would not need any of the \$300,000 set aside and thanks to the Covid grant would have a surplus of about \$185,000 in 2020 as well.

President LeDonne asked what happens to that money. Mr. Smith responded that the Board allocates this money, but it has been tradition to fill in the cycle gaps of the Cash Capital program with these funds. President LeDonne said he was in support of that.

Trustee Wells wanted to ensure there was money for the fence at the pickleball court.

Trustee Stallings asked if the budget was undercounting staff for site supervisors. Mrs. Whalen stated it was a balance between that and revenue and we were okay.

Trustee Bartzen stated he wanted to see ½ of the park depreciation funded (\$47K) and the roadways (\$100K), but didn't want to see taxes go up. He outlined a potential plan of adding to Yard Waste Pass fee (\$5), some park and Recreation revenue (\$5K), the extra transportation aids, and sewer dividend to get to \$100K, with the levy increase of \$50K to complete those two items.

Trustee Stallings stated that we previously skipped a year with roads and didn't want to skip anymore and that recreation dollars shouldn't get shifted to roads, but should go with parks.

President LeDonne stated it was important to keep on track with the depreciation, could live with the \$11, but also wanted to see what the transportation funds really came in at.

Trustee Adkins stated he was happy with no tax increase and wanted to see that stay that way with it being a tough year and all the previous years of increases.

Trustee Uecker agreed he didn't want to raise taxes, but also wanted to take care of the roads and could live with half of the park's depreciation.

Trustee Zoellick agreed with Adkins and with the utility increases and school increases felt like that was enough.

It was agreed that we would skip the October 15th budget meeting, and if we needed to we add to the October first board meeting, otherwise it would go the October 22nd

4. Adjournment

Motion by LeDonne, seconded by Bartzen to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsey McElroy-Anderson
Assistant Village Administrator