

VILLAGE OF LYNDON STATION
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2017 Budget Public Hearing
November 13, 2017

The 2017 Budget Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Larry Whaley Jr. on November 13, 2017. Present were President Larry Whaley Jr., Trustee Rebecca Coley and Trustee Jan Miller. President Whaley briefly explained the 2018 Budget. Hearing no objections, President Whaley made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried. The Monthly Regular Village Board Meeting was called to Order at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2017 by President Larry Whaley Jr. The roll call was taken by the Village Clerk Lori J. Scully. Present were President Larry Whaley Jr., Trustee Rebecca Coley and Trustee Jan Miller. Also present was Utility Clerk Rachel Dombroski. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Village Clerk made an addition to the agenda under 6A which will be the 2017 Utility Charges on the 2017 tax roll.

The minutes of October 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried. Trustee Coley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2017 Special Meeting, seconded by Trustee Miller; three ayes carried. The Payables Report for October, 2017 was read by the Village Clerk. The Payables Report for the General Fund for October, 2017 was approved on a motion by Trustee Coley in the amount of \$45,456.26, seconded by Trustee Miller; three ayes carried. The Treasurer's Report for the General Fund was read by the Village Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report for the General Fund for October, 2017 was approved with a balance of \$593.81 as of November 1, 2017 on a motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried.

The Village Utility Clerk read the Water Report Payables for October and November, 2017. Trustee Coley made a motion to approve the Water Payables Report with a balance of \$9,590.15 and \$102,063.06 in savings; seconded by Trustee Miller; three ayes carried. The Village Utility Clerk read the Sewer Report/Payables for October and November, 2017. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the Sewer Payables Report with a balance of \$24,817.41 and \$16,396.32 in WWTP savings, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried.

Under Public Comments, Jill Swires said she had a complaint regarding the Village Chief of Police and wanted to know when she could speak to the Board regarding the matter. The Board said she can speak in closed session after the Board Meeting. Jeff Scully wanted to know whether the Board could address the issue of the sale of fireworks. The present ordinance does not allow the sale of fireworks. He would like to see retail tents or businesses sell fireworks. This could be a good economic move for the area. Trustee Miller said the Planning Commission would have to meet in order to consider the change of the ordinance. Bill Blank asked is the ordinance on burning has changed. President Whaley said to let him know and to call the Sheriff's Department when he will be burning his brush pile.

The Village Utility Clerk explained the delinquent water/sewer accounts and said there is \$9,862.71 in delinquent water/sewer and that registered notices were sent. President Whaley made a motion to approve the 2017 Delinquent Water/Sewer of \$9,862.71 for the 2017 Tax Roll, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried.

Mike Peterson and Chris Leopold from the Mauston Area Ambulance explained the 2018 Ambulance Budget. The clerk explained how much each year the amounts and how the budget has raised to the taxpayers. Since it is over \$15,000 for 500 people, this seems very high. President Whaley said the Village may have to look elsewhere for its ambulance service. He doesn't really want to change services but the Village cannot accept the high costs. The costs for 2019 will go up \$500 to \$600.

Trustee Coley asked how the new budget was arrived at. The 2018 was based on capped assessed value. Services have gone to paramedics and the costs have gone from \$3,600 in 2009 to almost \$16,000 in a few short years for the Village taxpayers. President Whaley thanked Mike and Chris for coming down to explain the issues.

Trustee Coley made a motion to approve the 2018 Village Budget of expenses of \$334,805 and income of \$334,805, seconded by Trustee Miller; three ayes carried.

A lengthy discussion took place from Dax Connely from Fairway Signs of LaCrosse. The proposed change would replace the eastbound large face sign on I 90-94 and the removal of a large sign by Hwy. HH. With the change of the sign they are proposing pay the Village would be \$5,000 for each year for ten years and then it would increase to \$8,000 for each year for the next ten years. There are a lot of internal costs for the sign company. Since it will be digital, it can allow businesses and the Village to advertise their local gatherings, etc. It will also show Amber and Silver alerts. Mr. Connely said the small westbound sign that the Village owns would be restructured by their company at no cost to the Village. Trustee Coley made a motion to approve the sign application change as proposed, seconded by Trustee Miller; three ayes carried. The Village President and Clerk will sign the contracts.

President Whaley made a motion to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from the Tax Account to General Fund, seconded by Trustee Miller; three ayes carried. (To pay Scott Construction Seal Coating.)

President Whaley made a motion to table the New Truck #3 financing, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried.

Discussion took place regarding the new front tires on Engine #2. Trustee Coley made a motion to have the front tires replaced on Engine #2 at ASAP, seconded by Trustee Miller; three ayes carried.

President Whaley explained the renovation for the Fire Gear Lockers in the Fire Department Bay. The cost would be approximately \$10,525.13 which would be for 32 fire lockers and 8 EMS lockers. Trustee Coley made a motion to approve the Fire Department lockers for an approximate cost of \$10,525.13 from the Fundraiser Account, seconded by Trustee Miller; three ayes carried.

A motion was made by President Whaley to table the Bathroom Project in the Fire Department Bay, seconded by Trustee Miller; three ayes carried.

A short discussion took place on the "Double Dip Property".

The Fire Department handouts were passed out to the Board Members.

There was no new business.

A motion was made by President Whaley to go into Closed Session per 19.84(1)(c); Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, seconded by Trustee Coley; three ayes carried. Roll Call: President Whaley, yes; Trustee Coley, yes; Trustee Miller, yes. Closed session followed.

President Whaley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Miller; three ayes carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Scully, Village Clerk