

Bellaire Village Council
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** President Pro-Tem David Ciganick called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and read the public hearing notice. The purpose being to discuss adoption of the FY2020-21 Village budget and the FY2020-21 DDA budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the FY2020-21 Village budget will also be a subject of this hearing.

2. **Roll Call Attendance:**

Present: President Pro-Tem David Ciganck, Trustees Trish Drollinger, Helen Schuckel, Bryan Hardy & Eldon McPherson.

Absent: President Bennett & Trustee Pat Boyd.

Staff Present: Cathy Odom, Treasurer, Lori Luckett, Clerk, Brad Keiser, DPW Supervisor & Bill Drollinger, Police Officer.

Also Present: Jennifer Hodges & Mark Berreth.

3. **Public Hearing:**

a) **Open Public Hearing:** The public hearing was opened at 6:32 pm.

b) **Public Comment Period:** There was no public comment made.

c) **Closing of Public Comment Period:** The public comment period was closed at 6:33 PM.

d) **Deliberation:** Council reviewed the proposed DDA Budget and the proposed village budget. President Pro-Tem Ciganick noted a couple of changes that needed to be made. One was for the cost of the new truck for motor pool. Due to an error in the original quote the capital outlay in motor pool needed to be increased by \$295 for the addition of running boards and a bed liner. These items have been purchased after market in the past, but were found to be less expensive from the factory. Trustee Drollinger noted that there is nothing in the parks budget for engineering and would like to add \$2000 in case it is needed. President Pro-Tem Ciganick asked about the status of the kayak launch, with Drollinger noting that parks is putting aside funds each year for the project. Clerk Luckett noted that some of the work that has been completed for the launch has been done through Paddle Antrim grants.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Schuckel, to add \$2,000 to the parks engineering line item in the proposed FY2020-21 budget. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Odom informed Council that there was a change in the proposed local streets budget due to changes in the quote for the paving of Broad St. The changes were also made to include the paving of Hickory Lane behind the post office due to its deteriorating condition. It was noted that any of the water line replacement for the Broad St. area will be completed before paving and the costs will come from the water department. The waterline replacement equipment was discussed. Trustee McPherson suggested approving a deposit, if required, on the next vactor truck we find so we don't lose another chance at getting what we need. Treasurer Odom noted that if the proposed budget is approved, then a deposit would be approved because it would be included in the cost of the equipment. The estimated cost of each piece of equipment was discussed. President Pro-Tem noted that if come out and state that a deposit is approved then Mr. Keiser will be able to move forward if needed.

- **Proposed Millage Rate:** Treasurer Odom noted the proposed millage rate to support the proposed FY2020-21 budget for general operations is 10.8359, the proposed street millage is 3.1375 and the proposed sewer general obligation bond is 1.4800.

4. **Closing Member/Public Comment:**

- President Pro-Tem David Ciganick provided an update on the relocation of village offices. He said the option to relocate to the school is out. The School Board discussed it, spoke with their legal counsel and have decided against it. The current option is to share the building.

The Village offices would be in the front of the building and the back half would be renovated for their purposes. However, we recently found the MEDC grant they are applying for doesn't allow the space being renovated to house any form of government offices, either during or after renovations. Ciganick noted that if they could not self sustain the costs with their projects, then we would get the building back and pay the grant back. He said it looks as though their options are to raise all of the funds needed plus relocating us. Mr. Keiser noted that Jennifer Hodges may be aware of other grants that do not have the same stipulations on funds as the MEDC. He will let Ms. Kik know in case they want to check into those funding options.

5. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Cathy Odom, Deputy Clerk

Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____