

Village Board of Trustees
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 20, 2020
7:00 p.m.

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The Tentative Budget for FY2020-2021 can be accessed at

https://www.tuckahoe.com/sites/tuckahoeny/files/uploads/vot_tentative_budget_fy20_21.pdf

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Andino
Trustee Lang
Trustee Howell
Trustee Lee
Mayor Luisi

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public hearing to consider the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021

Mayor Luisi asked for comments from the public. Mike Dardano asked about the hotel numbers. Mayor Luisi explained that obviously some numbers are out the window. The hotel has a temporary certificate of occupancy. They did have bookings for the U S Open. We do not know when they will open.

David Burke said the projected \$110,000 is not a full year projection. We believe the hotel will be open by June 1. Regarding sales tax, it is difficult to tell. It is a decent number as of right now. Hopefully the world is a little bit different as of July 1. The March number is good because we did not plan on the 1% increase. The stimulus in Washington hopefully will allocate us money. A budget is a plan in place. There are always lines higher or lower than anticipated.

Trustee Andino said the budget will be a living document and is likely to change. We are all making sacrifices. We have offered to forgo our stipends for the year. Trustee Lang questioned the library revenue. David Burke clarified. Mayor Luisi and Trustee Lang decided to dedicate their stipends to the local restaurants.

Theresa Alexandro questioned what message as a landlord she should tell her restaurants. Mayor Luisi said to tell them to use take out abilities.

Mayor Luisi explained that the budget we are looking out was not going to utilize the fund balance. It realized a \$78 increase (is this correct?). We are hoping to hold this line. There are capital projects we need to look at on Saturday. There are issues with the library and community center being closed until the end of May. We have to, as a board, discuss salary increases. When it comes to salaries Mayor Luisi feels the staff works hard and especially in this pandemic. He noted that parking revenue is down.

Trustee Howell said businesses are losing revenue and the Village is also being hit hard.

Mayor Luisi also noted the building permit fees are down. He said we have a healthy fund balance that we saved for a rainy day. The rainy day is here. Our economy was doing well. It has been a dramatic impact on this Village in so many ways. We are working on this budget and planning ahead.

Trustee Andino thanked David, the Chief and the DPW for their work and for being open to their suggestions.

Trustee Lang questioned school funding and AIM. David Burke said CHIPS is okay but AIM is in question.

Mayor Luisi said sewer system maintenance is on the back burner right now. We should actively pursue sewer rent. He reminded all that April 25th at 8:30am is the budget work session at the Community Center. All are welcome. We are enforcing strict social distancing. The budget adoption meeting is April 27th at 7:00pm. He will conduct a zoom meeting on Wednesday at 10am.

Theresa Alessandro questioned sewer rent for commercial properties. Mayor Luisi said this will be discussed as well.

Mayor Luisi also touched on the subject of leaf blowers. Larchmont had a proclamation banning the. Mr. Lorge from 56 Oakland would like leaf blowers banned.

Mayor Luisi made a motion to close public hearing; was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk