

Village of Millbrook Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes- Budget Public Hearing

May 4, 2017

I. Call to order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Brown, Trustee Herzog, Trustee Hicks, Deputy Mayor Rochfort, Public Works Supervisor and Clerk Witt.

Public Hearing:

Trustee Hicks made a motion to open the public hearing on the 2017/2018 budget seconded by Trustee Herzog, all were in favor.

Mayor Brown read through the proposed budget line by line (attached). The 2017/2018 budget is based on a \$920,000.00 tax levy. Mayor Brown stated there has not been a tax increase in many years and this proposed budget reflects a tax increase. Mayor Brown told the Board there are two factors in the budget he does not know how the amounts came about, the Sewer Benefit Assessment (SBA) amount and the Fire Contract line amount. He has reached out to a few entities for answers without luck. Mayor Brown is keeping the amounts the same as the last passed budget until he can get answers to his questions.

Most of the Board did not want the taxes increased to provide provisions for public service channel equipment at the approximate cost of \$25,000.00. A few members of the audience had suggested a grant for the equipment. Mayor Brown gave permission for them to research grants but he wants the volunteers to be able to see the grant through from application submission to completion.

Mayor Brown explained the increase in the Central Garage line is for the chimney replacement at the Village Hall and for the garage door replacement at the public works garage.

Tim Collopy, a Village resident, asked the Board about salary specifics concerning the police. Mayor Brown informed Mr. Collopy that that discussion occurred during executive session, therefore he cannot answer his question. Mayor Brown stated that during executive session the Board discussed each employee and all salaries are performance based and set by the Board.

Mayor Brown told the Board in the Fire Contract \$60,000.00 needs to be set aside towards the fire truck reserve account and that hadn't been done the past three years. He plans to transfer money from the A fund to satisfy the \$180,000.00 that should have been placed into the reserves.

Mayor Brown explained that many of the Serial BONDS and BANs that the Village has out with the Bank of Millbrook have not had much of the principle payments being made. It has been primarily the interest payments being made. He wants to get the principal payments on a schedule to get the debts paid down.

Questions:

Mr. Collopy asked why the bedrock well drilling wasn't in the budget. Mayor Brown explained the only amount that would be reflected in the budget would be the BAN payment amounts. Checks for invoices associated with the bedrock well drilling will be cut and go through the accounts payable system and will be properly recorded.

Trustee Hicks made a motion to close the public hearing on the 2017/2018 budget seconded by Trustee Herzog, all were in favor.

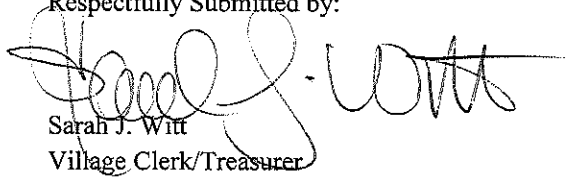
Budget:

Trustee Herzog made a motion to pass the 2017/2018 budget as presented seconded by Deputy Mayor Rochfort, all were in favor.

II. Adjournment:

Mayor Brown made a motion at 8:05 PM to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Herzog and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah J. Witt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Sarah J. Witt
Village Clerk/Treasurer