

**SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
5:00 P.M.
BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD**

Call to order at 5:40 pm

Present: Trustees de Boer, Truttschel (via Zoom), Pfeiffer, President Pfannerstill, Wallschlager, Conner, Hallquist

Others Present: Clerk Policello, Recreation Director Rennekamp, DPW Director Felkner, DPW Operations Leadman Jenson, DPW Operations Manager Jungbluth, DPW Leadman Schlafer.

1. Consideration and discussion regarding the proposed 2023 Village budget:

a. Recreation

Recreation Director Rennekamp presented her proposed budget. This year the Village received an \$8,000 sponsorship from Bank59 for the summer concert series. They hope to have them back next year. This summer T-ball had lower participation. The camp program was revamped for 10 weeks with more field trips. The final numbers for the Hometown celebration indicate close to \$11,000 in profit with \$25,000 spent for initial costs that they don't anticipate next year. Next year's profit is projected to be \$40,000 with a goal of raising \$80,000. She is planning for more pickleball programs next year.

Rennekamp is requesting to add a part-time recreation assistant next year. She currently has a clerk $\frac{1}{4}$ time, Tonia Smith and would like to add a $\frac{1}{2}$ time person.

The splash pad expenses are expected to increase; it is aging and needs repairs for approximately \$35,000 and will be in CIP for Parks. Revenues are expected to stay flat. President Pfannerstill asked if there is time that she could come up with fundraising for splash pad renovations. Rennekamp and Felkner are meeting with the Rotary tomorrow; they will also present a proposed expansion to the splash pad.

ActiveNet fees are anticipated to increase 29%. The recreation department has used ActiveNet for 16 years. The fee for the program is based on fees added to registrations, so the expense is hard to budget for. Residents are paying a 9% fee to ActiveNet for online registrations. The Village absorbs the fee for registrations made in the office. We are paying approximately \$10,000 per year, and that doesn't include what they are making from our residents. Rennekamp is researching a move to use CivicRec for program registrations which comes with annual membership as a flat rate. \$16,535 is the fee for the first year and goes down to \$8375 after that with a 5% annual increase. She has spoken with two communities that use CivicRec and she received positive feedback from them.

Trustee Hallquist said Rennekamp is doing a great job and did so tonight as well. Trustee Conner agreed. Trustee Wallschlager said she did great and worked with her at the Hometown celebration. She agrees with the change to CivicRec. Trustee Pfeiffer said it was

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a good presentation. He asked how much water goes through the splash pad. Felkner said 50,000 gallons a day. Trustee Truttschel supports a change to CivicRec. He is a former Rotary member and feels they will be open to some funding for the splash pad. Trustee de Boer said it was a good presentation and supports the software change to CivicRec.

- b. Village Board, Administration, Finance, Elections, Municipal Building, Inspection, Cable TV, Other Funds, General Fund Revenues and Debt Service

The budget discussion for the above was tabled to the next meeting.

The meeting went into recess at 6:19 pm.

The meeting was called back into session at 6:25 pm.

- c. Public Works

DPW Director Felkner introduced the proposed budget. DPW Leadman Jenson presented the line items that have increases or decreases from this year. A new dump truck will be purchased, as well as a pickup truck to replace a 2007 model. DPW Operations Manager Jungbluth presented the cemetery budget. The Lutheran cemetery does not have good records. Felkner is hiring a company for penetrating radar at an expense of \$12,000 for the upper annex behind the church and sections A,B & C – which are part of the Village’s cemetery. Jungbluth reviewed landscape increases due to the Nixon Park upgrades. DPW Leadman Schlafer presented the water and sewer budget numbers. The water budget is up 24%, ARPA funds will be used for the large project. Water bills are expected to go up by approximately 5%.

Jenson presented the CIP budget and provided the street improvements scheduled for 2024 and 2025. Jungbluth presented the corporate reserve. Last year a truck was ordered and budgeted for in 2023, which we may get by the end of this year. Any future truck orders will have a year delay to just get the chassis, to replace #19, a 2005 Freightliner, which was originally scheduled to be replaced in 2018. A Ford F350 will be replaced – he foresees it being a long process to get a replacement.

- 2. Adjourn

Motion (Pfeiffer/Wallschlager) to adjourn at 7:34 pm. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandee Policello
Village Clerk