

Wakefield Budget Committee Meeting
with the Sanbornville Water Precinct

February 24, 2022

Approved

Members present: Jerry O'Conner, Priscilla Colbath, Paul Romano, Bob Ouellette, Dave Mankus, Denny Miller, Howie Knight, Tom Daniels, Peter Kasprzyk and Connie Twombly

Water Precinct Commissioners: Peter Kasprzyk, Dean Giffin and Paul Morrill.

Michelle Keating of Clearview Community Television.

Mr. O'Conner opened the meeting with the flag salute.

Mr. Knight noted that collection expenses are down. Mr. Kasprzyk said they can pay online now. Mr. Morrill said they are considering going to quarterly billing to make it easier for customers to pay. He said they were researching a new reader that can be used to read meters from a vehicle. Bills are now sent out semi-annually. Sewer bills are based on water usage. Contracted Services is now a paid position, Mr. Giffin did this job for years with no pay. The Commissioners are trying to get out of the day to day operations. Equipment Repairs: A man had to go down to the pump house every six hours to turn it on and off manually. Both wells have been rehabbed. Administrative Fees have been moved into the salary line. Technology: They want to add more electronics in the pump house for twenty four hour reporting. They would like to add an addition to put the electronics in a dry room. They are still applying for grants. Revenues: Electricity, chemicals, and water use were all down because leaks were repaired. Mr. Kasprzyk warned people to check their irrigation lines as they pay for the water going to them. The Commissioners will be holding a preconstruction meeting and will invite all the business owners. A few weeks later they will hold a public meeting.

Article 02 To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Emergency Capital reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the board of commissioners (3 of 3) and Budget Committee.

Mr. Knight made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve Article 2. (Vote 9-0)

Article 03 To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 15,000 to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the board of commissioners (3 of 3) and Budget Committee.

Mr. Knight made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve Article 3. (Vote 9-0)

Article 04 To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 15,000 to be added to the Wells Capital reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the board of

commissioners (3 of 3) and Budget Committee.

Mr. Knight made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve Article 4. (Vote 9-0)

Article 05 To see if the village district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended - sum of \$ 293,000 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by the board of commissioners (3 of 3) and Budget Committee.

Mr. Knight made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve Article 5. (Vote 9-0)

Article 06 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Mr. O'Connor opened the Public Hearing at 6:35

Mr. Miller said the three Commissioners saved the Water Precinct.

Mr. O'Connor closed the Public Hearing at 6:46.

Mr. Kasprzyk said people will be sent out to video tape the job sites and will video tape inside homes as well. They will have the proper credentials and anyone can call the police if there are any questions. A brand new trench will be laid. The pipes will be laid outside the road not under them. If anyone's property such as stone walls etc. is damaged they will be put back to their original state. The pipes will be 5.5' deep. The Commissioners explained the process of laying pipes.

Mr. Kasprzyk thanked the Budget Committee for their support. Mr. O'Connor thanked the three Commissioners for all they've done.

Mr. Knight made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55. (9-0)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next Budget Committee meeting,

Priscilla Colbath

Budget Committee Secretary