

BUDGET SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT STREET, DEPOSIT NY AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Brown, Durning and Smith C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, Pool Director Dan Strauss, Fire Chief Shaun Ryneerson and Bridget Davis.

ABSENT: Trustee Warner

Pool Director Strauss spoke to the Board about the need to increase wages in order to attract lifeguards. He stated that this year we had no applicants and he was hoping with the increase in wages we might be able to entice applicants. He stated he would start advertising now and see where it went. Mayor Moore asked how old the lifeguards had to be. Mr. Strauss stated that 16 was the youngest because of the responsibility of the job.

Mr. Strauss stated that if we were not able to get staffing next year he would still like to open and run the pool to clean it. This would be done for a few weeks. The pool is on the schedule to be closed for the year.

The increase to the 2021-22 Pool Budget was \$728 per municipality. The Board felt very comfortable with those numbers.

Next the Board addressed the Fire Department budget. Chief Ryneerson stated that the budget is basically the same as last year. Mayor Moore inquired as to whether we should have a med team. He felt that if they were not going out we could just eliminate it. Chief Ryneerson stated that Chris Zacharias had always wanted to keep it because if we ever lost Eastern Broome we would have it to fall back on. Mayor Moore stated that if we lost Eastern Broome we would just go to another paid service. Trustee Durning asked what other paid services there were and Chief Ryneerson said there were several available. Trustee Brown stated that the board had voted to get rid of the EMS portion of the department last year. Trustee Durning said that the two budgets should be combined into one. Chief Ryneerson asked CT Budine if the training and medical consumables had been combined in the budget. Ms. Budine said that yes when she did the combined budget she had but those two items in the training line. Mayor Moore called Chris Zacharias so he could weigh in on the subject. Mr. Zacharias stated that the team was getting out and had been out 3 times in the last week. He stated that it would be up to the board but that there would be little to no savings to the budget if it were eliminated. He also stated that the fire department was going out on less and less calls, now that they were not responding to tree down calls. The total calls this year were around 120.

MOTION # 139/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Smith to rename the Department, Deposit Fire and Medical. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #140/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Durning to combine the Fire Department and EMS budgets into just the Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #141/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Durning to adjourn at 6:39PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Budine  
Clerk Treasurer