

**ROUND LAKE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING  
BUDGET HEARING 2017-2018  
April 5, 2017 6pm**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Thomas Bergin  
Trustee Chris Nellissen  
Trustee Heidi Parker

Trustee Gary Putman  
Trustee Paul Block

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dixie Lee Sacks  
Diana Garland

Denise McDonald  
Chief Frank Mazza

The public hearing of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Bergin at 6:04pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Kim Sheridan-Dugmore read a letter from resident Alexandra Chang (attached).

In the letter, Ms. Chang requested clarification on several budget line items. She asked about line 474 (F-9960.9 Capital Projects) \$10,000. Dixie Lee Sacks stated that each fund contributes to the DPW equipment reserves fund each year. She neglected to add the words 'DPW' on that line. Trustee Nellissen stated this is for equipment as it fails. It was the plan to start doing this a few years ago, Ms. Sacks noted. Ms. Chang's next question was about line 431 (F-8320.41 CP Water purchase) \$50,000 and line 488 (F-2140 Metered Water) \$69,000 and why line 431 was going up by \$15,000 and why line 488 was going up by \$9,000. Ms. Sacks commented that these two numbers will never be the same. She noted that there is water used in the Municipal Building, the Auditorium and hydrant flushing that is not paid for. She also stated that we take in more than we pay out to Clifton Park Water Authority. Trustee Nellissen stated this is one area where the water fund makes a little money as we take in more than we pay to Clifton Park. Ms. Chang also asked about unappropriated funds that are left over from the previous year. Trustee Nellissen stated that any resident can come to a Board Meeting and ask about funds. It is up to the Board to decide what to spend money on.

Denise McDonald addressed the Board. She asked how residents can ask for budget insertions after the budget hearing meeting or after the budget is passed. Mayor Bergin stated the budget is scheduled to be passed and adopted at the 4/12/17 meeting. Mayor Bergin stated there can be a budget amendment if something comes up after the budget is passed. He noted that a resident can reach out to the office and ask any budget questions. Trustee Nellissen explained how the budget works with different funds – general, water and sewer. New York State requires that the budget has to balance.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Bergin had a few notes to discuss. He asked Dixie Lee Sacks about the cost of the pole barn. Ms. Sacks stated it will cost approximately \$130,000 according to Lamont Engineers. She stated they will bid it out and the cost might be slightly different. Mayor Bergin stated he would not approve the project until after June 1, 2017 so the first loan payment wouldn't hit until the

2018/19 fiscal budget. Bergin asks if this would be a BAN or a bond. Ms. Sacks stated that the Village would bond it.

Ms. Sacks noted that the general fund is currently debt free – except for the Fire Department next year. Trustee Nellissen explained that the Fire Department budget is a pass-through on our budget. The Village’s portion of the budget has remained low and it under the state required 2%. He also stated the Fire Dept. keeps increasing its coverage area so their budget does increase more quickly. Trustee Block asked about the Fire Dept. budget and how to read and understand the expenditures and revenues. Ms. Sacks stated the Fire Dept. is funded under Public Safety and explained that part of the Fire Dept. money is in LOSAP, insurance, and personnel. Chief Mazza stated that the entire Fire Dept. budget is 1 million this year for the first time. Chief Mazza and Mayor Bergin discussed the pensions for the Fire Dept. Continued discussion ensued.

Trustee Putman asked about budget line 306 Franchises and asked if this is Time Warner cable. Ms. Sacks stated that we have a couple of small franchises whose checks come in every month. Trustee Bergin asked about the cell tower funds. Ms. Sacks stated this is not in the budget – it’s restricted funding. She also noted that real property tax is on the front page – it’s not actually in the budget. It’s different from a revenue. Trustee Block asked about the sales tax line item. Ms. Sacks stated it is a percentage of Malta’s sales tax and that we get a monthly check from the county. Line 314 Culture and Recreation – Ms. Sacks stated this is revenue from the Auditorium. She stated the Auditorium brought in approximately \$6000 last year so she raised it a little bit for this year. A budget is only an estimate, she stated.

Denise McDonald asked about the Public Health and Safety section of the budget. She asked if there is an emergency safety plan and if a Global Foundries’ truck came through the Village and had a spill or if there was a water contamination, how would the Village pay for it. Mayor Bergin stated this would trigger the state to jump in. Ms. Sacks stated FEMA would get involved with this. Mayor Bergin noted the tornado that came through in the 1990s and the state and federal government provided money for repairs. Discussion ensued about a general emergency plan. Chief Mazza stated the Community Center in Malta is a shelter and the Community Room in Round Lake is a warming station. The Village would pay charges, but would be reimbursed from the state after submitting the appropriate paperwork.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING** by Trustee Nellissen, **SECONDED** by Trustee Putman  
**MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:31pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kim Sheridan-Dugmore**  
**Village Clerk**