

## VILLAGE OF EAGLE

August 26, 2019

The Village Board of Trustees met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on August 26, 2019 with Moore, Meier, Surman and Lahmon present. Schukei was absent. The Agenda items listed thereon were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. The Chairperson, at the beginning of the meeting, informed the public about the location of the posted current copy of the Open Meetings Act. Chairperson Moore named the three (3) areas where the agenda was posted as follows: Eagle Municipal Building, Eagle Fire & Rescue Department and Eagle State Bank.

Discuss Budget Workshop – The Village Accountant, Lisa Riley, discussed the FY-2020 budget. The total taxable value for Tax Year 2019 is \$54,964,512 with a \$561,156 value attributable to growth. Riley said this is a total increase of \$469,552 from last year. One penny levy generates \$5,496.45 in tax with the current valuation. Three options were presented to the Village Board regarding the mill levy. Option 1 was to leave the mill levy at the same rate as last year (0.669602) which would result in an additional \$3,144.13 received; Option 2 was to decrease the levy to a rate of 0.663882 which would result in no additional money received; and Option 3 was to increase the levy to 0.689602 which would result in an additional \$14,137.04 received. Moore read from a list of capital outlay items presented to the Village Board on behalf of the General, Street, Sewer, Water, Park and Rescue Departments.

After discussion, Capital Outlay Items considered in the FY-2020 budget were as follows:

**General Fund:** Lawn Mower \$20,000; Municipal Building Roof Coating \$20,000; Municipal Building ADA Accessibility \$13,000; Sidewalk to Municipal Building \$10,000; Nuisance Building Removal \$10,000; Welder \$3,000; Maintenance Shop Lighting \$2,500; Air Compressor \$1,000.

**Street Fund:** Applewood and F Street Milling \$100,000; Crack Sealing & Routing \$20,000; Sidewalk Improvements \$15,000; Bobcat Upgrade \$4,000.

**Sewer Fund:** People Service Maintenance Contract \$70,000; Wastewater Savings \$30,000; Jet, Camera & Vacuum Wastewater Mains \$20,000.

**Water Fund:** Water Main Upgrades \$20,000; GIS Mapping \$15,000; Locator \$10,000; Radio Receivers & Meters \$5,000; Valve Exercising \$1,000.

**Park Fund:** Pool Slide & Improvements \$20,000; Trail Repairs & Paving \$20,000; Park Improvements \$5,000; Mosquito Abatement \$3,000; Lifeguard/Pool Operator Certifications \$1,000.

**Rescue Fund:** Bathroom Remodel \$20,000; Ambulance Savings \$15,000; Sidewalk Replacement \$4,000; Training, Seminars & Continuing Education \$3,500; ESO Software Renewal \$3,000; Lighting & Ceiling Fans \$2,500; Advertising, Apparel & Morale Boosters \$2,000; Medical Director Renewal \$2,000; Personal Protective Equipment \$1,500.

The Village Board further discussed the three options as presented by the Village Accountant regarding the mill levy. Lahmon said he would prefer Option 3 which would see the levy move back up to where it had been prior to last year. Surman agreed. Moore said he prefers Option 1 which would leave the levy the same as last year. Surman said a projected \$3,000 increase in Option 1 would not amount to much financial assistance. Moore said he does not feel the Village is hurting financially and the budget currently shows all items taken into consideration could be afforded with Option 1; although, the Village would not plan to spend all items in the budget. Surman said from an infrastructure standpoint alone the Village could use as many funds as possible. Moore said raising the levy \$0.02 in Option 3 will only bring in an additional \$11,000. Surman asked how much a \$0.02 levy increase would cost a resident per \$100,000 valuation of property. Riley said \$20.00. Moore said that figure doesn't sound like much but you have to account for what property owners are paying in other taxes such as to the school district. Lahmon said the money to pay for improvements has to come from somewhere. Moore said the Village continues to see an increase in valuation and the idea is to broaden the tax base to keep the levy lower. Surman said he doesn't feel leaving the levy at a lower limit will help the Village stay on top of its responsibilities. Moore said he'd rather see the Village Board better prioritize its spending than raise the levy. Meier was asked for his opinion on the mill levy and he preferred Option 3. Riley said with the extra \$0.02 in Option 3 the Village Board will need to decide if the general fund or bond payments receive the additional amount in the budget. The board agreed the additional \$0.02 received in Option 3 go towards the bond payments in the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Nick Nystrom  
Village Clerk

Travis Moore  
Chairperson