

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 11, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari
Trustees Owen Toale, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano
Fire Chief Jackson, Lieutenant Draper
Attorney Matthew Brooks

Excused: Trustee Marguerite Sherman

Mayor Sidari opened the meeting with the public hearing to override the tax cap.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The public hearing is closed at 7:02 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott to pass Local Law # 2-2022, to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c”, the text of which is as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Medina to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June, 2022, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Medina, County of Orleans, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June, 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability.

If a Court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the Court's Order or Judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such Judgment or Order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that Assemblyman Hawley's office had re-introduced the bed tax as bill A9767. Mayor Sidari said that the Board would need to pass an updated resolution and submit to New York State for approval.

Mayor Sidari opened the second public hearing at 7:08 p.m. on the 2022-2023 proposed budget. Mayor Sidari read the General Fund Budget Synopsis as follows:

Salaries	\$3,115,179.00
Equipment	87,129.00
Reserve for Equipment	30,000.00
Contractual Expense	1,431,371.00
Capital Projects	62,212.00
Employee Benefits	1,398,334.00
Debt Service	243,950.00
Total Appropriations	\$6,368,175.00
Estimated Revenues	\$2,432,535.00
Cash Surplus	200,000.00
Total Revenues and Cash Surplus	\$2,632,535.00
Balance to be Raised by Taxes	\$3,735,640.00
Taxable Valuation	\$173,928,941.00
Estimated Tax Rate	\$21.47

Mayor Sidari stated the Board was still holding preliminary workshops to review and budget and to make possible changes. Expenses have increased, particularly fuel costs, but the Board was working to decrease the tax rate while maintaining services.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The public hearing is closed at 7:13 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Alaina Zapk addressed the Board about the dog park, requesting to move the location of the small dog section of the dog park. She said the new location would provide shading as trees were already located there. There is shared fencing, it is more elevated, and the sign location would be on the same side as the other park sections. She said it was also closer to the watering stations. She said they had spoken with the tree board about getting additional trees for the large dog section and had also spoken with Jennifer Hill about installing the completed dog park sign. They are also looking to install security lights and cameras.

Greg Reed addressed the Board about the possibility of a bike share program. Bikes would be located at Rotary Park, accessible through a phone app. Anyone renting a bike would need to do so through the app and the person would need to sign a waiver through the app as well. Attorney Brooks stated the Village of Medina would need to be listed in the waiver. The Board expressed their concerns about locking the bikes back up when the volunteers at the welcome center were not available and the added responsibility on the volunteers to have the bikes in Rotary Park. Attorney Brooks mentioned a certificate of insurance would also be necessary from the YMCA should the Board opt to allow the bikes to be rented in Rotary Park.

Mr. Reed also stated that the YMCA would like to continue with the canal excursions this summer, having kayaking and hydro bikes free to the public on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The YMCA would like permission to park their trailer in the canal basin on these days and on Fridays it would be moved to Glenwood Lake to have excursions there as well.

Mr. Reed also said that they would like to pursue putting in a 9-hole disc golf course at Gulf Street Park. If approved, they are requesting assistance with clearing out the wooded area of the park as well as pouring the concrete for the baskets to be placed. Trustee Elliott suggested contacting Job Development for assistance. Mayor Sidari asked that he meet with Superintendent Watts to discuss the project. Trustee Marciano asked if a Certificate of Insurance would be necessary. Attorney Brooks stated that there should be an agreement between the Village and the YMCA, unless the Village were to take ownership of the course.

Mayor Sidari said the Orleans Renaissance Group has requested an addendum to the State Street Park Pavilion Permit Application, requesting the consumption of alcohol at the Blues Thursday events of July 7, 14, 21, 28, and August 4 and 11, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The following resolution regarding an Occupancy Tax in the Village of Medina.

WHEREAS, the Village of Medina is actively seeking to better its position as a tourist destination for its own residents, the residents of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts, the Village of Medina has interest in becoming a tourist destination based on numerous aspects, including the Erie Canal, the Village of Medina's historic downtown corridor and agri-tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Medina finds it necessary to impose an occupancy tax in the Village of Medina in order to proceed forward and continue to improve upon these goals and providing funding therefor; and

WHEREAS, it has been introduced into the New York State Senate, Bill No. S.4451, by Senator Robert Ort and the New York State Assembly, Bill No. A.9767, by Assemblyman Stephen Hawley in order to authorize the Village of Medina to adopt an occupancy tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Medina respectfully requests that both Houses of the New York State Legislature pass and adopt said legislation to be known as New York State Law Section 1202-z-4, entitled "Occupancy Tax in the Village of Medina" for the above-stated reasons.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Lieutenant Draper addressed the Board, thanking them for allowing him the opportunity to attend the National Academy. A leadership-based program, it detailed breaking barriers and building communities. He presented each Board member with a National Academy coin, to show his appreciation.

Fire Chief Jackson presented his report to the Board. He said four recruits had started at the Fire Academy. He also said it was National Public Safety Telecommunicators week. He would like to say thank you to our friends at Orleans County Sheriff's Department for all they do. He also said that Firefighter Fisher and Lieutenant Crooks had presented a critical training class at the Leadership Orleans Program.

Kathy Blackburn addressed the Board. She stated that the retaining wall in Boxwood Cemetery was crumbling and that there were several branches that were down.

Jim Hancock said Greg Reed does an excellent job securing grants and they were looking to replace the kiosk in the canal basin and that Take Form was working on the project. He said a good place for the kiosk would be where the gazebo is now. He said the kiosk would detail upcoming events in the Village.

Mayor Sidari said the Arbor Day event would be held on April 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Frank Street and West Avenue.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The regular meeting is reconvened and subsequently adjourned at 7:55a p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer

