

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 8, 2024,  
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Marguerite Sherman  
Trustees Jessica Marciano, Diana Baker, Deborah Padoleski, and Mark Prawel

Excused: Attorney Matthew Brooks

Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sherman opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed 2024-25 Budget. Mayor Sherman stated the budget review was in the infancy stage. She said the board had only met with one department head and that no modifications had been made yet. She said the board would be diligently going line by line in an effort to keep the tax rate as low as possible.

Clerk-Treasurer Burgess said the tentative figures are as follows:

	<u>OPERATION/MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT/CAPITAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>			
General Gov. Support	\$ 828,709.00		\$ 828,709.00
Public Safety	\$2,166,420.00	\$ 30,700.00	\$2,197,120.00
Health	\$1,243,516.00	\$146,835.00	\$1,390,351.00
Transportation	\$1,462,961.00		\$1,462,961.00
Culture/Recreation	\$ 155,329.00		\$ 155,329.00
Home/Community Services	\$ 249,180.00		\$ 249,180.00
Employee Benefits	\$1,747,989.00		\$1,747,989.00
Debt Service	\$ 266,725.00		\$ 266,725.00
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$8,120,829.00</b>	<b>\$177,535.00</b>	<b>\$8,298,364.00</b>
<b><u>WATER FUND</u></b>			
General Gov. Support	\$ 41,366.00		\$ 41,366.00
Home/Community Services	\$1,543,175.00		\$1,543,175.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 249,043.00		\$ 249,043.00
Debt Service	\$ 223,063.00		\$ 223,063.00
<b>Total Water Fund</b>	<b>\$2,056,647.00</b>		<b>\$2,056,647.00</b>
<b><u>SEWER FUND</u></b>			
General Gov. Support	\$ 41,366.00		\$ 41,366.00
Home/Community Services	\$ 842,073.00	\$20,000.00	\$ 862,073.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 250,657.00		\$ 250,657.00

Debt Service	\$ 230,332.00		\$ 230,332.00
<b>Total Water Fund</b>	<b>\$1,364,428.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,384,428.00</b>
	<b>TOTALS OF GENERAL, WATER AND SEWER FUNDS</b>		<b>\$11,739,439.00</b>
	<b>LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CASH ON HAND</b>		<b>\$ 6,631,706.00</b>
	<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX</b>		<b>\$ 5,107,733.00</b>

Clerk-Treasurer Burgess said the projected tax rate at this time was \$18.27.

Mr. Michael Maak asked if the Board was aware of the push in the New York State Retirement system to change Tier 6 which could mean a 15 to 36 percent increase in retirement costs across the board.

Mayor Sherman said she was aware that the unions were advocating for the increase.

Mr. Maak asked if the Village was still paying for retirement costs for 384-E.

Ms. Linda Limina asked if the Village could provide a total cost of all funds and asked if there is a way to show what the tax rate would be based on the prior year assessments.

Clerk-Treasurer Burgess said it would be difficult to compare since the taxable valuation had increased. Based on the new assessments, some property owners may see an increase, whereas others may see a decrease. It is dependent on how much the assessment of a property increased.

Ms. Limina asked if the budget included the debt service on the new ladder truck or the addition to the fire hall.

Trustee Padoleski said neither are in this budget and the fire station addition was still being discussed. Trustee Marciano said they do not want to rush deciding on the fire station addition.

Mr. Maak asked if there is anything in the budget for demolition of properties and if the Village was pursuing the Brownfield Grant.

Mayor Sherman said there is \$19,000.00 budgeted for demolition and that the Village had looked into the Brownfield Grant, however the Village did not qualify.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. The public hearing on the proposed 2024-25 budget is closed at 7:19 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

The naming of the two streets at the Medina business park was discussed. Trustee Marciano asked Ms. Gabrielle Barone if she thought businesses may care what they are named, and she also said she was in favor of a more generic name. Mayor Sherman suggested naming the one

road Owen's Way in memory of Owen Toale who gave his heart and soul to the Village as well as the Veterans Agency.

The naming of the streets was tabled. Mayor Sherman asked the Trustees to bring back to the Board their top two names for consideration at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Mayor Sherman said the board had added an additional budget meeting which would be held on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Sherman said her, and Trustee Marciano had discussed the length of the board meetings and asked the boards thoughts on changing the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Trustee Baker said she was fine with changing the time as long as the public has time to get to the meetings. Mayor Sherman agreed, stating the board wants to hear from the public but sometimes the meetings are running until 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Maak asked if the board had considered broadcasting the meetings on youtube.

Trustee Marciano said the cost is prohibitive and the regulations that need to be followed are not something the Village can do right now.

Ms. Limina said in the past the public was able to comment on the items being discussed as the meeting went along.

Mayor Sherman said when going door to door during the election she received a lot of input from the public face to face and that was one of the best things that happened from a contested race. She said the board wants the public's input.

The volunteer application was discussed. Trustee Marciano said she added the State Street Park Committee as a temporary committee on the application and would distribute to the board for review at the April 22, 2024, meeting.

Trustee Baker asked if the board could let the Chairperson know ahead of time if the board was considering appointing an individual to a board or committee.

Trustee Marciano asked the Clerk-Treasurer to inform the Chairperson of a committee or board if a volunteer application was submitted and an individual is being considered for an appointment.

Mayor Sherman read a resignation letter received from Police Officer Cory Collins.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Prawel. The resignation of Police Officer Cory Collins effective April 14, 2024, is accepted.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Prawel. The meeting is moved into executive session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. The meeting is reconvened at 10:06 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Prawel and seconded by Trustee Baker. Mayor Sherman is authorized to sign the work agreement between the Village of Medina and Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. The meeting is adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess  
Clerk-Treasurer