

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari

Trustees Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano, and Diana Baker

Clerk-Treasurer Jada Burgess, Fire Chief Matthew Jackson

Attorney Matthew Brooks

Mayor Sidari called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sidari introduced Tim Bivens from Barton and Loguidice who was in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have in reference to the Fire Station addition and renovation.

Trustee Sherman asked how the process works and asked if this needed to be presented to the Planning Board. Trustee Sherman also asked if there were other options for the building besides the one being presented and expressed concern as the Village had recently gone through property reassessments.

Mr. Bivens said that the addition as presented was bare bones.

Trustee Marciano said she would like to know the cost ahead of time before committing to the taxpayers.

Trustee Elliott asked if this is approved would there be a design development.

Trustee Sherman asked if we should try to get grants prior to beginning the project. She said although this is needed, City Hall is not being addressed and the need for an elevator.

Mayor Sidari said public safety is more important and that the ladder truck is scheduled for delivery around December 2025.

The Board also questioned the construction manager line item in the preliminary budget. Mr. Bivens said the construction manager would be put out to bid or Barton and Loguidice could provide one in-house. He also said once the contract is bid, there are legalities involved.

Trustee Marciano said she agreed it was an important project, but the Board needed to figure out how to pay for it.

Mayor Sidari said we could call a special meeting to approve the contract.

Mr. Bivens stated once the contract is authorized, it would take five months for the design and then the project would be placed out to bid.

Trustee Elliott asked Clerk-Treasurer Burgess to prepare an estimation of how much taxes would increase based on a home assessed for \$120,000.00 in twenty thousand increments up to \$200,000.00. He also asked how much taxes would increase adding in the new \$684,000.00 debt service.

The matter was tabled until the January 8, 2024, meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer

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