

## VILLAGE OF EAGLE

August 24, 2021

The Village Board of Trustees met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on August 24, 2021 with Surman, Meier, Moore and Caylor present. Weyers 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 Surman named the three (3) areas where the agenda was posted as follows: Eagle Municipal Building, Eagle Fire & Rescue Department and Eagle Municipal Park. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discuss Budget Workshop – The Village Accountant, Lisa Riley, discussed the FY-2022 budget. The total taxable value for Tax Year 2021 is \$73,022,261 with a \$5,031,292 value attributable to growth. Riley said this is a total increase of \$10,658,885 from last year. One penny levy generates \$7,302.23 in tax with the current valuation. Four 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 (0.648695) which would result in an additional \$69,143.95 received; Option 2 was to decrease the levy to a rate of 0.554006 which would result in no additional money received; Option 3 was to decrease the levy to 0.601351 which would result in an additional \$34,571.98 received; and Option 4 was to decrease the levy to 0.625023 which would result in an additional \$51,858.19 received. Surman 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-2022 budget were as follows:

**General Fund:** Security Camera System (All Facilities) \$40,000; Community Center / Meeting Space Savings \$25,000.

**Street Fund:** Street Repairs \$100,000; Crack Sealing & Routing \$15,000; Bobcat Upgrade \$4,000.

**Sewer Fund:** Jet, Camera & Vacuum Wastewater Mains \$20,000; Sewer Study \$20,000; Lift Station Motors \$15,000; WWTP Lift Station Pump \$10,000; UV Lights \$10,000; Digester Building Motor \$5,000.

**Water Fund:** Radio Receivers & Meters \$25,000; Water Study \$20,000; GIS Mapping \$15,000.

**Park Fund:** Park Improvements (West Side Park Equipment) \$40,000; Pool Repairs \$20,000; Pool Filter System \$20,000; Park Baseball Field Improvements \$6,000; Mosquito Abatement \$3,000; Pool AED \$2,000; Lifeguard / Pool Operator Certifications \$1,000.

**Rescue Fund:** Painting of Fire Station / Upgrades \$20,000; Radios & Pagers \$5,000; Fire Station Outdoor LED Lights \$5,000; Training, Seminars & Continuing Education \$3,500; ESO Software Renewal \$3,000; Personal Protective Equipment \$2,500; Bay Door Upgrades \$2,000; Advertising, Apparel & Morale Boosters \$2,000; Medical Director Renewal \$2,000; Tablet for Ambulance \$1,000.

The Village Board further discussed the four options as presented by the Village Accountant regarding the mill levy. Moore said he personally likes Option 2, which would decrease the mill levy by 0.094688 to 0.554006 (from 0.648695); he feels most residents are starting to feel the pinch with the cost of everything increasing and he feels the Village Board has a duty to be frugal and responsible with the tax payer's money. Surman said the capital outlay expenses and the potential for a large water bond this year have all been acknowledged by the Village Board tonight and asked how these items will be accounted for with a large decrease to the mill levy. Moore said he realizes these expenses that were discussed in the budget were deemed necessary but the Village Board needs to be fiscally conservative when spending money and do a good job of prioritizing purchases; he would be willing to go back through the capital outlay expenses and cut more spending if needed. Surman said it would be difficult to explain to the citizens a year from now why the mill levy needs to be increased dramatically if the large decrease this year cannot cover the Village's expenses. Luke Renken (1381 Shire Lane) said his opinion is it's easier to leave the mill levy the same now than try to catch back up later. Surman said he would be open to decreasing the levy somewhat, but not as dramatically as found in Option 2, because he really doesn't see where the capital outlay expenses can be cut anymore. Terri Todd (940 Applewood Dr.) said her opinion is people will be happy just knowing the mill levy wasn't increased from the year prior. Meier agreed and said he would support Option 1, which leaves the mill levy the same as last year. Surman and Caylor said they would be willing to consider Option 4 which decreases the mill levy approximately \$0.024 to 0.625023. Riley said if the Village Board would like to consider decreasing the mill levy to an even \$0.03 for simplicity's sake the tax increase for the year would still be approximately \$47,237.00. Moore said he would support this additional option. Surman and Caylor agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Nick Nystrom  
Village Clerk

John Surman  
Chairperson