

# Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 1, 2020

## Public Hearing – Approve Proposed 2021 Budget

**Mr. Dunlap moved to recess the Regular meeting and go into the scheduled public hearings at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

Mrs. Niekamp reported Fire Chief Mike Little, Township Administrator Ed Drobin and she worked together to develop the budget. This is the first draft of tax budget for calendar year 2021 which must be approved by the Trustees on or before July 15, 2020, then filed with Fairfield County by July 20, 2020.

New items of interest include funding for parks and rec, and the development of a Rainy Day Fund.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we were able to do that and not short anything. Mrs. Niekamp said yes, we will take a small portion of our carryover at the end of the year for the Rainy Day Fund. The Rainy Day Fund always acts as a backup to any of our funds.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we needed to do anything in regards to how each department pays their share or is that something to do later. Mr. Dunlap said it was for our operation of the (4) elected officials. Mrs. Niekamp said currently they are all paid out of one line item, the general fund, so there is no department sharing. Mr. Dunlap asked if we wanted to go to each department paying their share of the cost of the (4) elected officials based upon their percentage of the budget what would need to be done. Mrs. Niekamp said if we chose to do that she would revamp this budget and bring it back on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The trustee would also need to pass a resolution to make this type of change. It would then take effect January 2021. Niekamp indicated the trustees could have the salaries split across multiple funding sources.

Chief Little asked what would be the purpose of doing this. Mr. Dunlap said in the past it has been that the General Fund whoever is under the General Fund has carried all the burden except for one little payment that the Fire Department makes. Mrs. Niekamp said the Fire Department does make \$25,000 which was half of the prior Assistant Fiscal Officer.

Mrs. Niekamp said she can make the changes to the tax budget to include splitting salaries across multiple funding sources, but by law it has to be approved on or before July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Monhollen asked Mrs. Niekamp to sit with Chief Little as well as he has a lot of historical and institutional knowledge.

**Mrs. Wilde made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:53 p.m. and continue the 2021 Tax Budget Hearing to the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to return to the Regular Trustee Meeting. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The Trustees resumed the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vanessa Niekamp, Fiscal Officer

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Joniann Goldberg,  
Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

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Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

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Melissa Wilde, Trustee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_