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Steve Raub - Trustee  
Thomas Taylor - Trustee

Corine Bump - Clerk/Treasurer  
Lori Sweet - Deputy Clerk  
Richard Hall - DPW Superintendent  
Robert Thomas - STP Operator  
Kevin Margerum - Code Enforcer

## 3/31/2020- Budget Meeting and Board Zoom Meeting

**PRESENT AT 17 E Main ST:** Mayor Michele Miller, DPW Superintendent Rick Hall and Clerk Treasurer Corine Bump

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM MEETING:** Trustee Steve Raub, Trustee Tom Taylor, and Trustee Rettig Sr. who attended briefly due to connection issues, and STP Operator Robert Thomas.

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Jim Barnes via Zoom meeting      **Absent-** Trustee Blake

MAYOR MILLER OPENED THE BUDGET MEETING AT 3:10 PM

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Miller asked the board to discuss the pay for the crossing guards. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there is supporting documentation on both sides that they can be paid or cannot be paid. The crossing guards could be deemed essential employees and continue to work, complying with social distancing, working their 10 hours a week on days they would typically work to keep receiving pay. This would be cleaning up the sidewalks along the main routes of travel and patrolling the parks to keep people off playground equipment due to the closure because of covid-19.

The crossing guards could either work or file for unemployment benefits, but would have to choose one or the other. After much discussion Trustee Raub made a motion to offer the crossing guards the option to work ten hours a week with Trustee Taylor giving a second. A roll call vote followed-

Trustee Raub-Aye, Trustee Taylor- Aye, Mayor Miller-Aye Trustee Blake-absent Trustee Rettig Sr.-absent

At the April meeting the board will vote via Zoom meeting due to social distancing restrictions for Covid-19 on a resolution deeming crossing guards essential employees.

Mayor Miller asked about the water bills set to go in the mail. There is a survey in the envelopes for the Comprehensive Development Plan.. Mayor Miller asked if the board was interested in looking to waive any late fees and at this time no one was interested in discussing waived fees. The bills will be mailed Thursday 4/9/2020 and due the first week of May.

Clerk/ Treasurer Bump asked the board to go “paperless” with several payments pertaining to contracts and utilities. This topic was brought up before and not revisited. Bene-Care sent an email offering the chance to go paperless with ACH payments which is what prompted the question today. Clerk/ Bump stated it would reduce the chances of missing a payment for a late arriving bill. She would continue to generate the voucher through a purchase card transaction and just pay the bills online while saving checks and postage. Clerk/ Treasurer Bump specified it would only be for vendors with a contract or utility payments and including health insurance. All three board members in the meeting had no objections.

Trustee Blake has submitted her letter of resignation effective 4/1/2020. Mayor Miller will appoint James Barnes at the 4/13/2020 meeting. He will still need to run for election when the new election date has been set due to the covid-19.

The board continues discussion about the 20-21 budget. Mr. Barnes has been present at all the prior budget meetings even before Trustee Blake resigned due to the impending election and all meetings are open to the public.

Trustee Taylor did express some concern with taxes being raised by 2%. He wondered if the retaining wall for Griffin creek could be put on hold and half the cost budgeted this year as well as half next year. After much discussion amongst all attending the meeting, it was agreed to continue with the 2% increase as discussed. (The increase in the general fund is primarily due to the crack filling, the pole barn and the retaining wall repair)Trustee Taylor also expressed concern about the current Main St. grant project and was wondering if the Covid-19 would be a proper reason to ask for an extension on the grant Project. Mayor Miller stated she is keeping in contact and when the time comes it will be addressed.

**TRUSTEE RAUB MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING AT 4:02 P.M. WITH TRUSTEE Taylor GIVING A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:02 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted, Corine Bump Clerk/ Treasurer