

**VILLAGE OF ROCKTON**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 28, 2022**

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present were: Mayor Peterson, Mr. Fridly, Mrs. Honkamp, Ms. May, Mr. Seever and Mr. York

Staff present: Mr. Barber, Ms. Diduch, Ms. Hughes and Mr. Self

Absent: Mr. Danielson

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**2022-2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mayor Peterson stated that he would like to go over the Public Works/Parks Departments along with Ms. Diduch's portion of the budget since Chief Dickson and Deputy Chief Hollinger are attending a conference.

Mr. Barber went over his revisions to the budget with the Village Board. Mr. Barber stated that he is trying to implement the programs that other municipalities are doing that the Village needs to do. Mr. Barber explained that by implementing certain programs that it will save money in the long run. Mr. Barber added that the longer things are let go, the more it will cost the Village in the future. Mr. Fridly explained that Mr. Fridly didn't have the bottom line numbers before he started putting his figures together. Mr. Fridly stated that he would like to give Mr. Barber some time to go back and see where he can trim the budget for the Public Works Department. Mr. Fridly added that this is the perfect example that shows the Village's water/sewer rates are too low as the Village Board is looking over the numbers that were presented. Mr. Fridly explained that Mr. Barber's wish list isn't out of line and that the Village needs to have a rate study done to see where we're at in comparison to other municipalities. Mr. Barber advised that he will make changes to Version 1 of the draft budget and get those numbers back to the Village Board by Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Self stated that he has been with the Village for 8 years and that every year he has seen his budget decreased more and more. Mr. Self explained that the budget was put together very conservatively and presented his numbers to the Village Board. Mr. Fridly asked if Mr. Self could put together a monthly financial report for the dog park, athletic park and swimming pool so the Village Board can see where they're at. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Peterson asked Mr. Self to go over his budget and bring back realistic numbers on what he feels is needed for his department. Mayor Peterson advised Mr. Self to let the Village Board make the decision on what stays and what needs to be cut.

Ms. Diduch went over her portion of the budget (economic development, downtown marketing/improvements and business district development and improvements) with the Village Board. Ms. Diduch explained that she should break even with special events. Ms. Diduch discussed what was included in the \$100,000 for downtown and stated that a part-time employee was allocated into that amount as well. Mr. Fridly asked Ms. Diduch to provide a worksheet to the Village Board that shows the breakdown of the \$100,000 for downtown. Ms. Diduch said that she has already done this and will provide copies to everyone.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no further business, motion by Ms. May, second by Mr. Seever, to adjourn at 8:05 pm. All ayes.  
Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk