

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

**May 19, 2022**

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

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

Staff present: Mr. Costello, Ms. Diduch, Deputy Chief Hollinger, Ms. Hughes and Mr. Self

Absent: Mr. Danielson & Mrs. Honkamp

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**2022-2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mayor Peterson stated that the Village is closing the gap on the budget and that he reviewed the latest numbers with Ms. Hughes. Mayor Peterson stated that if the Village increased the monthly garbage rates by \$3/month that it would generate \$100,000 for the Village which includes approximately 2,778 households. Mayor Peterson said that this was proposed by Mr. Danielson and Mr. Fridly agreed that it's not a bad idea.

Mayor Peterson added that he asked the department heads to come up with ideas to cut around \$75,000 from their budgets. Deputy Chief Hollinger went over the numbers for the police department with the Village Board and also made some minor revisions during the special meeting. Mr. Costello advised the Village Board that Mr. Barber has been working in the budget for the last two months. Mr. Costello shared some thoughts of where he thought the public works budget could be trimmed a little bit. Mayor Peterson advised that between the police department and public works they were able to make \$35,000 in cuts. Mr. Self stated that he could make a few more cuts to his budget as well. Ms. Hughes advised that she was able to remove an additional \$3,000 for audit expenses, but that still leaves the Village over by \$20,500. Ms. May advised the Village Board that there is no money going towards downtown development and that the Village had the money, but chose to move it. Mr. Fridly added that Mr. Barber is having a study done on water/sewer rates in the Village and that we will have to raise the rates at some point. Ms. Hughes advised the Village Board that she will update the changes that were made to the budget and have another draft version of the budget available soon.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no further business, motion by Ms. May, second by Mr. Fridly, to adjourn at 7:25 pm. All ayes.

Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk