

**Public Hearing
The Village of Willow Springs
The President and Board of Trustees
May 24, 2018**

President John Carpino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: President John Carpino, Trustees: Thomas Birks, Terrence Carr, Michael Kennedy, Melissa Neddermeyer and Fred Posch. Kathy Stanphill arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Also Present: Administrator Brent Woods, Clerk Mary Jane Mannella, Attorney Erik Peck, Treasurer Kelly Zabinski, Police Chief Sam Pulia, Public Works Director Keith Grantland, Building Commissioner Bruce Zartler, and Engineer Dan Lynch

Public Hearing: Motion by Trustee Carr and second by Trustee Kennedy to open the floor for public comment pertaining to the Budget and Appropriation for fiscal year 2018-2019. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

**Public Hearing to hear public comments pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019
Budget and Appropriation**

Treasurer Zabinski gave an overview. She indicated format changes had occurred to bring the structure of the funds in line with the audit report. This budget is in surplus. We will need to pass a few years' budgets' in surplus to get the village more solvent. The biggest changes this year are the re-establishment of the Public Works department and the purchase of two police vehicles.

Administrator Woods explained that the village does a budget and an appropriation for the purpose of improving transparency. He further explained that the appropriation is the amount, up to which, the village has the authority to spend. The budget is the amount the village actually intends to spend. This year the appropriation is 110% of the budget. This allows us to spend additional unanticipated revenues that may come in over the course of the year and to manage unexpected expenses more effectively.

The floor was opened for public comment. Alan Nowaczyk asked Treasurer Zabinski if the Sewer Fund was rolled into the General Fund. Treasurer Zabinski indicated it was the Refuse Fund that was to be consolidated into the General Fund. Mr. Nowaczyk also inquired whether the sale of the fire house had been reflected in this budget. He was told that it had and the surplus collected over the amount paid out to the Police Pension Fund was used on repairs to the firehouse required prior to the sale and that the expenses previously budgeted for the fire department were being absorbed into the general budget. That expenditure is out of the budget and other expenditures have been put in its place. This allows us to utilize funds that would have been spent in the fire department to avoid taking on future debt.

Alan Carr commented on how the previous mayor and administration had sold off all of the significant assets of the community including the fire department assets. He also indicated his pleasure with the current administration and concluded that Mr. Nowaczyk would never get his vote.

Trustee Stanphill arrived at 7:12 p.m. and was given a brief overview by Treasurer Zabinski.

Motion by Trustee Birks and second by Trustee Posch to close the floor for public comment ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Neddermeyer and second by Trustee Kennedy. Voice Vote: ALL AYES. Motion Carried. Time 7:23 p.m.

Mary Jane Mannella, Village Clerk