

Fire Chief J. Basher asked why the Fire Department replacement reserve is held to \$12,500? Chief Basher stated that \$12,500 is not sufficient. The Fire Department is asking for \$17,500. Mayor McCarthy responded that the Trustees discussed Fire Commissioner R. Greissman's recommendation of \$15,000.00. Mayor McCarthy stated that the Trustees decided to stay with \$12,500 since there is already \$2,000 in a certificate for the Fire Department and since the Board just authorized the repair for the pumper.

Mayor McCarthy noted that his budget does not provide for any capital improvement other than street patching. Mayor McCarthy added that he met with the University and they agreed to pay the taxes on the University Court Apartments in the form of a contribution in lieu of taxes.

Mr. Arnold Fisher asked if the fire protection revenue is guaranteed under contract? Mayor McCarthy responded that the revenue is under contract.

Comments

Mr. Robert Kuiper stated that it appears that with inflation, the village finances are caught in a bind. Mr. Kuiper noted that nominal trimming will not amount to much. The tax rate can only be cut by slashing heavily. Mr. Kuiper stated that it is not fair to go to the people with big tax increases. It is up to the village officials to accept the responsibility. Mr. Kuiper suggested that the police may be an area which might be able to be trimmed.

Trustee D. Ray responded that the State, County and Federal governments are all placing the burden on the municipalities. Our tax base is diminishing.

Fire Chief J. Basher reiterated that the \$12,500 equipment replacement appropriation is not sufficient. "This should have been done over the past years. Delay of a pumper purchase after 1985 could adversely effect our fire rating."

Fire Chief J. Basher noted the fire company purchased and equipped an old chassis and gave it to the village. Chief Basher stated that the fire department should get an engineer's report on the needs of the fire department. "The firemen do not ask for alot."

Chief Basher stated that the community could not function without services of the volunteer fire department. "No consideration is given to the vehicle maintenance the fire company performs on its own or the giving of time and effort or the risking of the life and limb." "It is imperative that we do not diminish the volunteer firemen concept."

Mr. Arnold Fisher asked what does a chassis cost today?

Former Chief D. Shaul stated approximately \$50,000.00.

Mr. Shaul added that during his term as Fire Chief, he also brought to the Village Board of Trustees a plan for starting a vehicle replacement fund.

Mayor McCarthy stated that he would like the Trustees to bring back budget proposals at their next meeting on April 14, 1981.

It was moved by Trustee R. Greissman and seconded by Trustee D. Ray to adjourn to April 14, 1981. The motion carried unanimously.

James P. Morgan
Clerk-Treasurer

April 9, 1981

A special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on April 9, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. to open bids for the general construction and electrical work on the proposed library addition. Present were Mayor J. P. McCarthy, Trustee S. Sastri, Engineer J. Rathbone, the Library Board of Trustees, architect Arthur Meggett, and Clerk J. Morgan. Also present were a number of bidders.

Opening of the General Construction Bids

Mayor McCarthy stated that he would first open and read aloud the bids for the general construction. Mayor McCarthy noted that once the bids have been read aloud, they would be referred to a committee for their review. The general construction bids are as follows: