

Minutes
February 22nd, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenwich held a special meeting for a budget workshop on February 22nd, 2021 virtually via Zoom, and also in person at the Clerk's Office of the Community Center at 6 Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich. Present were Mayor Fuller, Sgt. Danko, Chief White, and Trustees Brown, Robinson, and Tefft.

Mayor Fuller opened the meeting at 6:07pm. Sgt. Danko presented his budget estimates, in total a 1.47% increase from last year. The reason for the increase is needing to include a full year's salary with the new hybrid full-time officer which currently splits their time between both Cambridge and Greenwich. Only half a year's salary was budgeted the previous fiscal year. Trustee Tefft asked if his budget estimates also included the extra cost of an officer dedicated to traffic detail, which has been found to be a successful way to decrease speeding in the village. Mayor Fuller noted that more police presence was one of the items most important to the members of the community from the recent police surveys. Sgt. Danko responded that the estimates do not reflect an additional \$12,000.00 for traffic detail, but that he wanted to keep his budget estimate within a reasonable increase. The Trustees agreed that it would be prudent to add the additional cost to the police budget, but would like to see the other department estimates first. Discussion was had about budgeting options for a new police vehicle that will be needed in the next two years by securing a loan or using the Police Capital Equipment Reserve.

Chief White presented his budget estimates. Trustee Brown asked if the Fire Dept. anticipated any large purchases this coming fiscal year. Chief White explained his long-term plan for cycling vehicles and equipment in order to avoid a lot of purchases all at once. Discussion was had about funding a replacement air compressor at the Fire House if it were needed to be replaced, as they can cost up to \$50,000.00. Key budget dates were discussed, and the Meeting was adjourned 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Prime
Treasurer
Deputy Clerk