

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Budget Meeting

February 4, 2020

Present: Deputy Mayor McClain, Trustees Ninos and Brown; Treasurer Slade, Chief Griffith, DPW Superintendent Tom Costello, Clerk Hasper

1. **Meeting Opening** – Deputy Mayor McClain opened the budget workshop at 8:00 a.m.
2. **Election Inspectors – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/Brown to appoint Ly Kesse as Election Inspector, and Cassandra Bull as Alternate for the Democratic Party, and Karen Saxton as Election Inspector, and Elva Owlett as Alternate for the Republican Party, all at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Trustee McClain has put in figures for the basic budget
 - a. It reflects a decrease in income from water bills as the colleges have been more conservative in usage.
 - b. It reflects an overall increase in expenses.
 - c. Need to increase revenue by \$180,000 just to meet the basic budget – not including these capital projects/department requests
 - d. Anticipate increasing the rates on the water bills to more accurately reflect the cost of running the departments
4. Discussion was held on the amount of money brought in under fire protection on the “water” bills versus the amount paid to the fire department. Suggestion of reducing the contracted amount to more accurately reflect the income thereby saving the Village the cost difference.
5. Parking Meters – Discussion on the possibility of replacing current mechanical parking meters (many which are in need of repair, broken or frequently jammed) with a parking kiosk in which drivers would enter their license plate number and credit card. This could increase revenue (no lost revenue when meters are broken or jammed) while decreasing expenses (not paying employees to empty each meter and repair the broken, damaged and jammed meters).
6. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hasper, Clerk