

Public Hearing
Fiscal Year 2019 General Town Budget
Ordinance No. 354-2018
June 12, 2018
Minutes

State of Illinois,
County of Will,
Town of Joliet,

The public hearing scheduled to be held in said Town and County in the State of Illinois at 175 West Jefferson Street, Town Hall meeting room, Joliet Township Office Building, June 12, 2018 was opened by the Clerk Beth Ann May at 5:09 p.m.

The public hearing is for the final presentation of the Fiscal Year 2019 General Town Budget Ordinance No. 354-2018. The following official business was transacted:

The Clerk accepted the previous roll as called at the Regular Town Board meeting which was recessed for this hearing.¹

Clerk May read and verified that in accordance with the legal notice published in the Labor Record on Thursday, May 20, 2018, the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 354-2018 is now open.

The Clerk stated that comments and/or discussion on Ordinance No. 354-2018 are now in order and any persons wishing to speak on it may do so now. The Town Board was then asked to review their copy of the ordinance provided.

Accountant Witt reported on the changes since the posting of the tentative budget:

General Town Fund:

Revenue:

The beginning balance was changed to include the East Joliet Lighting District bank balance of \$1,653.98 as of April 1, 2018.

The Replacement Tax was reduced by 15% to account for the trend we are currently seeing this year. The decrease is from \$177,300.00 to \$151,800.00.

The interest income has been increased from \$24,500.00 to \$27,300.00 to account for the increase in interest rates (1.765% as of 5/30).

The total Revenues decreased \$22,700.00 from \$2,480,497.00 to \$2,457,797.00.

¹ Present – Trustees Slattery, Gavin, Verdin, Hertzmann and Supervisor Vera

Administrative/Personnel:

Changes were made to account for a salary increase of 2%. The Salary and Social Security contribution lines were increased.

The IMRF line decreased to reflect the decrease in the employer rate.

The Workers Compensation line was adjusted to reflect a 5% decrease not the anticipated 25% increase as the Tentative Budget reflected.

The overall changes in the Personnel Section is a decrease of \$900.00 from \$706,940.00 to \$706,040.00.

Administrative/Contractual Services:

The Insurance Line, was originally budgeted to reflect a 25% increase; however, the actual bill reflected only a 3% increase, resulting in a decrease of \$1,900.00 from \$13,900.00 to \$12,000.00.

The total Administration Expenditures decreased \$2,800.00 from \$3,139,490.00 to \$3,136,690.00.

Assessor/Personnel:

Changes were made to account for a salary increase of 2%. The Salary and Social Security contribution lines were increased.

The IMRF line decreased to reflect the decrease in the employer rate.

The Workers Compensation line was adjusted to reflect a 5% increase not the anticipated 25% increase as the Tentative Budget reflected.

The overall changes in the Assessor Personnel Section is an increase of \$3,200.00 from \$418,950 to \$422,150.00.

The total Appropriations in the General Town section increased \$400.00 from \$3,786,090.00 to \$3,786,490.00.

General Assistance Fund:

Revenue:

The Replacement Tax was reduced by 15% to account for the trend we are seeing this current calendar year. The decrease is from \$60,000.00 to \$52,500.00.

The Interest Income has been increased from \$12,000.00 to \$13,325.00 to account for the increase in interest rates (1.765% as of 5/30).

The total Revenue in the General Assistance Fund decreased \$6,175.00 from \$264,933.00 to \$258,758.00.

Administrative/Personnel:

Changes were made to account for a salary increase of 2%. The Salary and Social Security contribution lines were increased.

The IMRF line decreased to reflect the decrease in the employer rate.

The Workers Compensation line was adjusted to reflect a 7% increase not the anticipated 25% increase as the Tentative Budget reflected.

The overall changes in the General Assistance Personnel Section is an increase of \$950.00 from \$343,400.00 to \$344,350.00.

Administrative Contractual Services:

The Insurance Line, was originally budgeted to reflect a 25% increase; however, the actual bill reflected no increase. A decrease of \$300.00 from \$3,500.00 to \$3,200.00.

The total Administration Expenditures in the General Assistance Fund increased \$650.00 from \$369,900.00 to \$370,550.00

The total Appropriations in the General Assistance Fund increased \$650.00 from \$620,900.00 to \$621,550.00.

Senior Citizens Fund:

Revenue:

The Interest Income has been increased from \$4,400.00 to \$4,900.00 to account for the increase in interest rates (1.765% as of 5/30).

The total Revenue increased \$500.00 from \$215,839.00 to \$216,339.00.

Animal Control Fund:

Revenue:

The Interest Income has been increased from \$9,600.00 to \$10,750.00 to account for the increase in interest rates (1.765% as of 5/30).

The total Revenue increased \$1,150.00 from \$761,280.00 to \$762,430.00.

Administrative/Personnel:

Changes were made to account for a salary increase of 2%. The part-time employee's rates increased from \$10.00 to \$12.00/hour. Also an increase in overtime due to all of the Animal Control Officers being eligible for vacation time and overtime pay is needed for coverage. The Salary and Social Security contribution lines were increased.

The IMRF line decreased to reflect the decrease in the employer rate.

The Workers Compensation line was adjusted to reflect a 1% increase not the anticipated 25% increase as the Tentative Budget reflected.

The overall changes in the Animal Control Administrative/Personnel Section is an increase of \$10,150.00 from \$575,800 to \$585,950.00.

Administrative/Contractual Services:

Maintenance Service Grounds, there is an increase of \$2,000.00 from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 to account for a pothole repair.

Travel Allowance line, there is an increase of \$1,200.00 from \$3,000.00 to \$4,200.00 to account for a travel allowance stipend for the Director.

The Insurance Line, was originally budgeted to reflect a 25% increase; however, the actual bill reflected a 3% increase. A decrease of \$1,250 from \$7,350.00 to \$6,100.00.

The total Contractual Services in the Animal Control Fund increased \$1,950.00 from \$135,125.00 to \$137,075.00.

Administrative/Commodities:

The Operating Supplies line, there is a decrease of \$500.00 from \$6,800.00 to \$6,300.00. The original plan was to purchase a new washing machine; however, it was later decided to purchase a commercial washer and dryer. This expenditure is now executed under the Capital Outlay.

The total Commodities in the Animal Control Fund decreased \$500.00 from \$63,050.00 to \$62,550.00.

Administrative/Capital Outlay:

The building line item was increased \$12,000.00 from \$85,000.00 to \$97,000.00 to account for a wall buildout project.

The equipment line item was increased by \$11,000.00 to account for the commercial washer and dryer.

The total Capital Outlay in the Animal Control Fund increased \$23,000.00 from \$92,000.00 to \$115,000.00.

The Total Appropriations in the Animal Control Fund increased \$34,600.00 from \$882,975.00 to \$917,575.00.

The Total Appropriations for the Town Budget & Appropriation FY 2019 increased by \$35,650.00 from \$5,503,865.00 to \$5,539,515.00.

Supervisor Vera verified the agreed upon salary increase of 2% across all funds and departments. He spoke on the Oakwood Cemetery of which the Township has been discussing the possibility of taking over the operations. He has learned their fiscal year is March 1 and in conversations with the Board of Oakwood, they believe they will have enough funds to maintain it until that time. Any action on this matter can be discussed with next year's budget. He also commented on the agreed upon increase from \$10.00 to \$12.00/hour for the part-time staff at the Animal Control Center. He stated, they hope to slow down the turnover in this position. The majority of these staff are students in training for Veterinary Technician licensure and they leave our facility for positions which are paying more. There are still 2 employees that are at the 25/hours per week and they start at \$13.00/hour and this will not change. The travel allowance stipend for the Director is necessary because she uses her personal vehicle for business matters. It amounts to \$100.00/month or \$1,200/year.

Trustee Verdin inquired about the income from the Animal Control Intergovernmental Agreements. She asked how long the current agreements have been in place and questioned if the prices are still adequate. There are currently three intergovernmental agreements, the City of Crest Hill, the Village of Rockdale and the City of Joliet. The City of Joliet has a built in annual increase of 3% and the other communities rates are adequate based on the number of call outs.

Trustee Slattery asked if this proposed budget is clear from any challenges. Accountant Witt responded the goal was to keep it under 2.0% of the average last 3 years of expenditures. And, she added this budget accomplishes that goal.

There were no further public comments.

Clerk May indicated this ordinance will not be approved at the Public Hearing but at the Regular Meeting, previously recessed.

Hearing no further comments, Trustee Slattery moved to close the public hearing and to return back to the recessed Regular Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Verdin. Upon a voice vote the motion carried. Hearing Closed: 5:30 p.m.



Beth Ann May, Clerk