

Village of Rapids City
Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss:
Budget Planning – Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, Personnel and Finance
February 12th, 2019

President Mire called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:55pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Fiems, Clark, Fowler, Rankin, Robertson, Schneider, Mire

Absent: None.

Others Present: Ryan Bump, Ben Barber, Missy Housenga

President Mire called this Committee of the Whole Meeting to order to discuss budget planning for parks, recreation, cemetery, personnel and finance for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Mire initially handed the meeting over to Trustee Robertson.

Robertson explained we needed to budget the entire Shuler's Shady Grove Wellness Center project. The grant will cover \$6300.00. It was decided to budget the amount of \$14,000 under 5365, as this will include installation of a bicycle repair station.

Bump noted the roof on the storage building on top of the hill is needed this next fiscal year. Bump confirmed a new mower will be needed but not until the 2020/2021 fiscal year. Bump explained the need for replacement heaters and insulation for the shop; he will secure pricing on both. The roof for the shop needs to be worked on as well. Options were discussed for a new building as repairs are adding up., Bump will look into pricing. Bump is still working on getting the electronic sign up and running before the end of the current fiscal year. Bump is in the midst of securing pricing on finishing the decorative portion of the sign.

Barber explained as previously discussed the budgeted amount for boat dock dredging and water system maintenance was to be saved for when budgeting allowed projects to be completed. It will be discussed at a future meeting to set up a physical account for each of the accounts.

Discussion took place concerning landscaping and retaining wall at Village Hall, but no amounts were budgeted at this time.

Bump explained gutters are ripped off the back of the building. A bid was obtained for future budget purposes for siding, gutters, soffit, and downspouts and lightly discussed as a resolution. Fiems mentioned moving the Village Office upstairs at Village Hall as we may not be using our facilities to their potential. A Committee of the Whole Meeting was scheduled for February 26th, 2019 at 7:00pm to discuss Village Hall improvements.

Mire then opened discussion concerning personnel and finance. Clark and Bump inquired about the new hire to replace the Assistant Public Works Director. A new assistant Public Works Director will need approximately 1 ½ years on the job experience prior to obtaining a water operator's license. Starting wage should be around \$16.00/hr depending on past work experience; wages to be budgeted at \$40,000.00 plus a third for benefits package. Mire want pricing for all classes required for obtaining licensing.

Having no further business to conduct at this time, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Committee of the Whole Meeting, Rankin seconded. The motion passed, President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 8:02pm.

Clerk