

Village Board Work Session
March 17, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Roddey, Trustees Char, Gurda, Smith, and Stewart

Also present: Village Clerk Strobl

Mayor Roddey presented Board members with copies of the preliminary budget, explaining that as it currently exists, \$300,000 would have to be cut in order to stay under the State's 2% tax cap. He noted that major challenges to the Village included declining revenues and increased fixed costs.

After review of the revenue line items, the Board looked at many of the expense lines.

Mayor Roddey explained that the salary lines are based on a 1% increase. He credited Treasurer Winters with the fact that the expense line for Auditor, in the current budget, is so far under.

The Board discussed the possibility of reducing garbage pick-up from twice a week to once in an effort to cut expenses. Increased recycling would also be beneficial as there are no tipping fees involved.

Mayor Roddey pointed out the significant increases in the retirement and medical insurance lines.

It was noted that the Mayor will meet with Department Heads in the coming days, and Board members were urged to investigate any possible cost savings as work continues to keep the budget under the tax cap.

The Public Hearing on the 2014/2015 budget will be held April 7, 2014.

The Work Session concluded at 7:30 p.m.