

At the Work Session of the
Malone Village Board, held on
March 16, 2022, at 9:00AM at
343 West Main St. the following
were present:

Andrea Dumas	Mayor
Norman Bonner	Trustee
Matthew Boyea	Trustee
Brian Langdon	Trustee
Archie McKee	Trustee

Also in Attendance:
Kristine Lashway, Village Treasurer
Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk
Alex Violo, Telegram

Mayor Dumas opened the regular meeting at 9:00AM.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Discussions

➤ **Recreation Fund – Increase of 9.7%**

Village Board would like a commitment from the Town of Malone affirming that they intend to provide a similar increase in their budget for the Rec Park.

➤ **Sewer Fund – Looks good; increase of 11.5%**

➤ **Water Fund -- \$200,000 over what there is for revenue – Needs work**

➤ **General Fund**

Budget Overview reflects the following:

1. A – 1010-470-00 – This was originally left at zero; will add \$500 to the line for travel expenses for the Board. Networking is a needed opportunity.
2. Treasurer's budget is mostly the same, a little less than last year.
3. A-1325-443-00 – Increased over last year to reflect advertising for the Budget Notice.
4. Both the Treasurer and Clerk budgets reflect a 2% salary increase. Both the Treasurer and the Clerk have offered to remove the 2% increase for the coming year.
5. Treasurer noted that over the past five years, both the Treasurer and Clerk budgets have been reduced by 50%.
6. A-1330-440-00 – Increase represented by SymQuest Overuse charges – Doing more work in office than years before.
7. A-1420-440-00 – Significant increase in Attorney fees; pending litigation

8. A-1420-441-00 – Increase in number of employee issues
9. A-1430-440-00 – Professional Service – Patnode Retaining Wall, Duane St, Walls, etc.
10. A-1460-440-00 – Shredding – this line item increased due to number of boxes of documents aging off the retention list.
11. A-1610-170-00 – Zeroed out this line. Working with Auditor to add this to Edmonds tracking and to staff duties
12. A-1610-440-00 – Increased to cover reports and servicing that is needed at the administration building (ex. Boiler, A/C, website hosting and GASB Reports)
13. A-1620-000-00 – Building Maintenance -- Increased to allow for needed repairs such as pointing the building, replace shields around basement windows
14. A-1910-430-00 – Unallocated Insurance increased by 3.5%
15. A-3120-156-00 – Health insurance buy-out for the Chief increase by \$2,000
16. A-3510-410-00 – Control of Dogs Contract – Funds added in anticipation of a contract
17. A-3620-150-00 – increase to reflect an ask of \$2.00 more per hour by the Code Officer
18. A-3650-440-00 – Reduce this line to \$15,000
19. A-7145-441-00 – Increase to Joint Rec Contractual

As it stands, the Village needs to cut roughly 1.1 million from this tentative budget to remain under the tax cap.

There are areas that can be cut that would provide significant budgetary savings and bring the Budget under the cap. The DPW Equipment line represents over \$200,000 in purchases of equipment.

Another significant area of costs to the Village is the employee health benefits. Discussion was had on how to reduce those costs.

The Village Board held a discussion as to how the Covid-19 relief funding could be utilized to take the burden off the budget and the taxpayer. Considerations were made to cover the costs of the Backhoe, Snowplow, Arena Roof repairs, DPW Pickup Truck, and additional items.

Other items of consideration included the raising of Water and Sewer rates. There were no raised to the rates last year due to Covid.

The Treasurer will update the numbers to the tentative budget and provide the Village Clerk with a copy of the Tentative Budget by March 17, 2022 (by law the tentative must be submitted to the Clerk's office by the 20th of March).

The next budget discussion is set for April 2, 2022 at 8:30am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon the motion of Trustee Bonner with a second by Trustee Boyea and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session on a contractual matter.

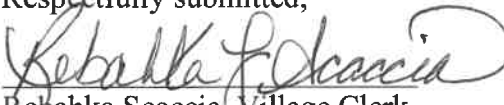
Upon the motion of Trustee Bonner with a second by Trustee Boyea and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session.

Upon the motion of Trustee McKee with a second by Trustee Langdon and unanimously carriers to go back into Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Trustee Langdon with a second by Trustee Bonner and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:45AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk

