

**Village of Buchanan
Mayor & Board of Trustees
Budget Hearing
April 7, 2021**

PRESENT: (This meeting was done via zoom and zoom audio)

Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker
Trustees Richard A. Funchion, Anthony Capicotti, Sean Murrery and Nicolas Zachary
Village Administrator Marcus Serrano
Village Attorney Stephanie Porteus
Village Clerk, Treasurer Cynthia Kempter
Police Chief Shane Farrell
Highway Foreman Bob Wheeler
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Todd Travis
Building Inspector Peter Cook
Recreation Supervisor Nancy Bayer
Senior Director Mike Lepore
Fire Chief Andy Roush
Bob Outhouse

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Knickerbocker called the meeting to order at 7:50PM.

**2. CONSIDER A MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021-2022
TENTATIVE BUDGET:**

A Motion to open the Budget Hearing was made by Mayor Knickerbocker, seconded by Trustee Zachary, with all in favor.

Village Administrator Serrano stated that this information is on the Village website. The budget message is to give a summary of where we stand and what causes the tax increases. This includes a detail of major increase in expenses or reduction of revenues over \$5,000. The tentative budget for 2021-2022 calls for a tax increase of 18.97%. 1% of tax increase equals approximately \$31,000. The increase is due mainly to the loss of revenue from Indian Point and some additional salary and benefit increases. The budget includes an estimate of reimbursement to the Village of \$600,000 from the cessation fund. There will be an increase in water rates off 4.70%. This is due to the increase from Montrose Improvement District and City of Peekskill. There are major capital improvements that need to be talked about. Discussion followed. The Budget Hearing was open to the public for comments.

A Motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing and continue it at the Special Meeting on

April 27, 2021 was made by Trustee Funchion and seconded by Trustee Zachary, with all in favor.

3. Village Administrator Serrano mentioned that a pump has to be replaced at the pool in order to operate it this year. The consultant reviewed this and the estimate cost to fix the pump was about \$9,000 - \$10,000. The prices from contractors are coming in from \$23,000 - \$25,000 to do the repairs. The lead time to fix the pump is 7 – 8 weeks. Village Administrator Serrano stated that there is no official vote, but wanted to make sure this is fine with the Board to move forward with the repair. The Board has no objection.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:13PM a Motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Trustee Funchion, seconded by Trustee Capicotti with all in favor.