

WORK SESSION of the OLEAN COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.

Police Training Room – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Aldermen Gonzalez, Witte, Andreano, Dougherty, Crawford, Smith, and George.
Others: Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Bell, Fire Chief; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; Ed Jennings, Code Enforcement Supervisor, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

Alderman Gonzalez began the Work Session at 5:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all Council members were present.

Alderman Gonzalez stated that the purpose of the work session is to determine how to use the remaining contingency funding from the 2016 - 2017 budget. The remaining amount in each line item is as follows:

General Fund Contingency: \$229,600;
Water Fund Contingency: \$75,000; and
Sewer Fund Contingency: \$75,000.

After a brief discussion, the previously discussed Contingency allotments were listed:

2 DPW Vans (Engineer and Electrician): \$45,000 (\$15,000 from each fund);
2 Police Cars: \$75,000 (General Fund); and
1 Dump Truck: \$150,000 (General Fund).

Alderman Gonzalez confirmed that the two vans that are being replaced are on the verge of not passing inspection, and Mayor Aiello stated that is correct. Alderman Crawford questioned the salvage value of the vans, and Mayor Aiello replied that it is probably not much.

Alderman Gonzalez stated that he has a hard time not replacing the police cars. Alderman Witte questioned if we are just replacing older cars, and Chief Rowley stated that is correct. The old cars are cycled down and used again for other departments if possible, and we obtain the maximum usage of the police cars prior to sale at auction.

Alderman Smith added that we usually replace a dump truck every year, with seven in the fleet.

Alderman George stated that this is what was laid out before, and it really makes sense. Alderman Witte added that we really can't do much more. Alderman Gonzalez stated that just because we are being frugal now, doesn't mean that we can't take from Contingency or Surplus in the future for onetime expenses, to be reviewed on a case by case basis. In response,

Alderman George added that although we work to be proactive, sometimes we need to work reactively for the best of the City.

Alderman Witte questioned if we are still attempting to recover monies from a backhoe rental due to the County damaging the City backhoe. Mayor Aiello stated that we are still working on it. He stated that he received a check from the County, as well as one from the insurance company, and the County has requested that we return their check. They have also indicated that they will be reimbursing the insurance company for our \$1,000 deductible, so we should see that money shortly.

A PL and Resolution will be introduced by the Mayor for a vote at the next Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

The work session ended at approximately 5:00 p.m.