

November 29, 2016 (Village Board Budget Hearing)

**ALLOUEZ VILLAGE BOARD BUDGET HEARING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016
6:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Rafter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Genrich, Rafter, Green, Dennis
Also Present: Berndt, Fuller, Clark, Lange, Pickett
Excused: Harris, Atwood, Dart

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

Green / Dennis moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Green

- The Spirit of Christmas Past at Heritage Hill on December 10 & 17

Lange

- Max Herrscher, street department employee, passed away this past weekend

2017 BUDGET HEARING

Clarence Matuszek, 2680 S Webster Avenue

- Disappointed that 3 Board Members were absent from the most important meeting of the year
- Commended Clara on an outstanding job on the budget
- Urged the Board, if they haven't done so, to study pages 84 – 87 (comparison of property tax levies) in length and depth. We used to be almost on the bottom, now we are almost on the top.
- Urged the Board to have a comprehensive strategic planning session to discuss where have we been, where are we and where are we going as a government.
- Wondered if there was anything he could do to persuade the Board to not go ahead with the signage idea, or at least curtail it.

Jim ORourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- Concerned with sidewalk plans included on village maps. They should be removed if they are not going to be budgeted for or put in. If things are going to be put on the map, like sidewalks and crossings, people need more input during the budgeting process and not just at a final hearing.

Hearing closed at 6:45 pm.

ADOPTION OF THE 2017 BUDGET

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Pickett

- Explained a rule change since our budget meetings regarding the Expenditure Restraint Program and how it affects our budgeting process

Green / Dennis moved to approve the budget as submitted which includes an overall increase in employee salaries of 2.2%. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Genrich / Dennis moved to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Baenen, Clerk-Treasurer