

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

September 2, 2021

8:30 A.M.

2022 Budget Review

Attendees:	George Haynes	Joe Cetta
	John Kosier	Dennis Valente
	Jerry Vernold	Lisa Henderson

This meeting was held to review and approve the 2022 budget for submittal to the Finance Committee.

- LH, Before we dive into the budget I have four equipment authorizations. It is for all of the computers that were budgeted for in the 2021 budget.
- Committee approved the

SW budget shows an increase in the amount of sales tax received that brings us back closer to the full 1% that we are to receive. All of the sales tax money on 2022 will be placed in the Capital (32) account to cover the expense of building Cell 4S. Operations (22) will run on the fund balance available. This is done by design, when we do not have a big capital project we build the operations fund so that when we do go to construction we can use the sales tax money to cover the costs and not have to bond.

Machinery fund is basically flat, we are using a portion of the fund balance here as well as was agreed upon with the finance committee.

Road fund numbers show an increase in the contribution from the general fund of 2.5%. This is mostly reflected on the capital (34) budget.

After a review the budget was adjusted to include the entire contribution to fund balance for fund 24 so that we can begin to get T&L funds back to where they need to be. The budget was then signed for submittal to Finance.

The highlight sheet presented to the Committee is attached and has been revised to reflect the change in the road fund contribution.

## 2022 Budget Highlights

Sales Tax was budgeted at the full 2020 amount received (\$6,020,140.00). This is an increase over the \$5 million we have been held to for the past eight years and is more indicative of what we should be receiving.

- When having budget talks it should be noted that the actual 1% of the 4% we are supposed to receive could be higher than that and due to the looming expenses at Solid Waste we request that we receive the full amount regardless of what was budgeted.

The entire sales tax contribution was put in Fund 32, Solid Waste Capital, this year. This is due to the need to build cell 4S next spring. That project will be rebid in October.

In addition to the sales tax we are also using \$1,163,660.00 of our fund balance in Solid Waste Capital. This leaves an unappropriated balance of \$365,848.03. This does not include the post closure funds.

On the operations side of Solid Waste we will be using \$3,345,269.00 of our fund balance. That will leave a balance of \$1,312,354.09 in the fund balance for fund 22. We are able to do this because we intentionally build the 22 Fund in off years so that when needed the sales tax revenue is available for capital projects.

- Even after this year (2022) we will need to push for the full 1% as Cell 4S is very small and we will have to start the Cell 1 reclamation project in the next few years.
- The balances of the two solid waste funds shows the real need for us to go back to getting the full 1% that was designated for that purpose.

General Fund Contribution was increased by \$274,071.00 to \$11,236,940.00 (2.5%). This is still below what the Department was receiving in the years prior to being frozen at \$10,962,869 since 2016. Even with this increase we will be using fund balance from both fund 24 and fund 34 to balance the budget and keep it at a figure that allows us to keep up with our maintenance.

For fund 24 we will be using \$741,922 of our fund balance. This is our 2020 contribution.

For fund 34 we are using \$1,759,286.00. In 2020 we contributed \$2,785,099. Part of the problem with this fund is that we carry some projects for several years before they are actually built because of delays. For example, Bridge 80 has been budgeted for at least 6 years now.

The machinery fund is mainly funded through the rental of our equipment. These rates are set by NYSDOT, they have not been revised since August of 2017.

We are using \$357,205.00 of fund balance for fund 26 in 2022. In 2020 we contributed \$851,409.00

The use of all of our fund balances shows that we are not just trying to pad out balances with the increase in our contribution from the general fund.