Village of Roberts
Special Village Board Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2024

The Village of Roberts Special Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Kapaun.

The meeting was properly noticed in three locations.

Present: Tim Johnson, Brian Tremblay, Mary Shemon, Katy Kapaun, Jeff Vogt and Peter Tharp.
Absent: Brian Tremblay
Guest: Patty Lewandowski, Rand Waughtal, Brian Lane, Chuck Pizzi, Jerry Strohbusch, John Bond

Public Hearing - 2025 Budget
The Public Hearing for 2025 budget review was opened at 6:00 pm by President Kapaun. Trustee Tharp recused himself from this discussion.

Kapaun Call for public comments on the proposed 2025 general fund budget.
No public comments regarding the budget numbers were heard.
Vogt asked about the recycling numbers on the budget worksheet and what they represent. Johnson asked about wage calculations.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing for the 2025 budget review at 6:10 pm by Tremblay, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried.

Discuss/adoption of 2025 Operating Budget for the Village of Roberts.
Trustee Tharp again recused himself from the Special Village Board Meeting.
Kapaun asked Chief Strohbusch to put together some numbers regarding the need for an additional officer. Johnson asked if we approve the budget as is, can we still consider or reconsider the additional officer position at a future meeting. Johnson would like to see the officer question go on a future referendum for the residents to decide. Johnson is concerned about the future fire truck and treatment plant and what we are going to do for the next increase of 10% or will it end up as 15%. Vogt feels that if the citizens want another officer, it should be a referendum question. Waughtal asked if we would do the same for adding public works or clerk employees. Waughtal thinks that this group has the opportunity to listen to the department heads and if they feel they need more staff we should listen to their suggestions. In meetings that we have sat through we have had a rough year in the Police Department for staffing. He is still concerned about the 2026 budget as we may not have any carryover to help fund the future. Strohbusch added that he spoke to Sheriff Knutson regarding the need for another officer and he is in support of this. There were 144 calls for service from the Village that the County has had to cover due to coverage issues.
Motion to adopt the 2025 Operating Budget for the village of Roberts by Tremblay, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried with Vogt opposing and Tharp recusing himself.

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm by Shemon, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Megan Dull
Village Clerk