

**COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: WORK SESSION BUDGET MEETING #2**

**Council Chambers: 5-7pm.**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Housh called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were President Housh and Council members Kevin Stokes, Gavin DeVore Leonard, Carmen Brown and Marianne MacQueen. Also present were Village Manager Josue Salmeron, Planning and Zoning Administrator Denise Swinger, Police Chief Paige Burge and Public Works Director Johnnie Burns.

**WORK SESSION:**

**Follow Up Questions for Chief Burge re: PD Budget.** Chief Burge addressed questions regarding the PD budget she had presented in a virtual meeting previously.

Council asked questions, with several expressing their desire that PD staffing be reduced, but acknowledging that this is a longer term goal and is not fleshed out in terms of a strategy.

Burge noted a significant cost incurred when any officer leaves the department, and outlined several strategies she has put in play to try to minimize these.

Housh asked that Burge provide a cost/benefit analysis of switching to a centralized Dispatch.

Salmeron noted that this should include the cost of a line available for reporting power outages and the like, since Dispatch now covers this need.

Devore Leonard requested that the Manager's Report regularly report the total number of calls to the Dispatch line rather than only calls for service.

**Options for Revenue/Resources.** Salmeron brought up the need for a reciprocal tax. He stated that bonds, levies, an increase in income tax as well as initiatives such as paid parking, and these were discussed.

DeVore Leonard asked that specifics for all of these options be provided for the next meeting.

Housh reminded Council that he has not yet put in the Council "asks", which, by his tally are in the area of about \$200,000. He agreed to write up a list of these for the next budget session.

Several Council members complained about receiving budget documents at the last minute, and requested that these be provided so as to permit a thoughtful perusal.

Brown requested a one-page memo from the Village Manager that explains the cuts made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:06pm, MacQueen MOVED and Stokes SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a voice vote.