

February 3, 2025 @ 6:00pm

## 2026 Budget/Levy Meeting

**Present** – Chair Jon Auge; Supervisor Bob Steele; Treasurer Mary Zabilla; Fire Chief Chad Allord; Road Committee Chair Dave Hauser; Park Committee member Michael Blassey and Clerk Naomi Scott. Supervisor Erik Lee participated remotely via phone link from 10265 Gandy Blvd. N. #1002 St Petersburg, FL 33702, meeting documents made available electronically.

Called to Order & Roll Call – J. Auge called the Budget/Levy Meeting to order at 6:08pm due to Zoom technical issues. Roll call - all supervisors were present.

**2025 Budget revisions and Proposed 2026 budget** - The board reviewed a document prepared by the chair and treasurer containing our levy history, 4 years of operating budget history, 2024 actuals, 2025 original and revised budgets, and proposed 2026 budget. Discussion occurred on each budget with the following actions/comments noted.

**Fire Department Fund/Operations** - 2025 revised budget & 2026 proposed budget accepted as presented. The Fire Chief was requested to prepare an assessment of our fire apparatus (age, purpose, use, issues) and a longer-range equipment plan, especially given the shift to primarily EMS calls for service, for discussion with the board later this year when we consider creating the next 5-year CIP Plan.

**Fire Pass thru Fund** - 2025 revised budget & 2026 proposed budget accepted as presented.

**General Fund/Operations** - 2025 revised budget & 2026 proposed budget accepted as presented.

**Park Fund/Operations** - 2025 revised budget & 2026 proposed budget accepted as presented. Like the discussion with the Fire Department, it was noted that long-term, we will need to re-surface the tennis & pickleball courts, address aging bituminous trails, and replace the 12-year-old tractor, all which needs to be incorporated in the next 5-year CIP Plan.

**Roads Fund/Operations** - 2025 revised budget & 2026 proposed budget accepted as presented. The board also reviewed the 10-year Road Reclamation & Maintenance Plan and discussed options to address the various needs listed in the plan.

Motion **(1)** by B. Steele to adopt the revised 2025 budget, second by E. Lee. On roll call vote, all were in favor, motion passed.

Motion **(2)** by E Lee to adopt the proposed 2026 budget, second by J. Auge. On roll call vote, all were in favor, motion passed.

Motion **(3)** by B. Steele to recommend the 2026 levy remains the same as 2025 (Operating = \$475,104 & CIP = \$115,000) for consideration of the electors at the Annual meeting on 3/11/25, second by J Auge. On roll call vote, all were in favor, motion passed.

Motion **(3)** by B. Steele to adjourn, second by E. Lee. On roll call vote, all were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Naomi Scott  
Clerk

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Jon Auge  
Chair