

WORK SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON JANUARY 24,
2012 AT THE DEPOSIT THEATER

PRESENT: President O'Connor, CT Decker, DCT Budine, Trustees Warner, Strauss and O'Connell, Chief Cantwell, Fire Chief Rynearson, EMS Captain Couse, Howie Couse, Paul Lantz, Debbie Stever, Jim Conklin, Stacey and Terry Whiting, Sharon Wright, Georgiana Carson, Wilber and Nicole Dennis, Melissa Bishop, Teresa and Bill Hulbert, Kermit Mott, and Joe McQuade

ABSENT: Trustee Kevin McKee

President O'Connor opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CEO Conklin asked the board what they wanted to do with the abandoned property on River St. He stated the taxes had been paid; the property did not sell at tax auction. The board instructed Conklin to proceed with the unsafe building law.

MOTION#224/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Warner to accept for filing the November and December 2011 and January 2012 monthly reports from the code enforcement officer. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING
WATER AND SEWER RATES 2012-2013
7:05 p.m.

CT Decker gave a summary of the budgets/water sewer rates as follows:

WATER AND SEWER RATES 2012-2013

2011 Water Budget \$301,266.03

2012 Water Budget \$311,617.00 Increase of \$10,350.87 or 3%

Water Debt is \$23,000 no int EFC loan for Well #5
And \$11,250 EDRLF loan for river crossing
Debt is total debt divided by total number of customers

OM this year and last is \$48.00 – price per thousand gallon is total budget minus debt minus water revenues divided by total number of customer

Increase of \$ 1.21 in debt or 10%

Increase of \$.33 cents in cost per gallon or 4.9%

OVERALL INCREASE IN WATER BILLS IS \$1.21

2011 Sewer Budget \$ 540,126.00

2012 Sewer Budget \$516,907.00 Decrease of \$23,219 or down by 4.5%

Sewer Debt is \$51,840. Old debt – paid off in 2014
And \$96,196 new debt for 30 years No interest loan
Total debt divided by the number of customers

Debt:

Last year \$43.62

This year \$36.89

Decrease of \$ 6.73

OM

OM costs are anything that is not debt divided by total number of customers

Last year \$ 93.34

This year \$102.33

increase of \$ 8.99

OVERALL INCREASE IN SEWER BILLS IS \$2.25

Increase of \$3.46 per customer per minimum bill.

Joe McQuade asked if Decker had the breakdown of all insurance increases and if Brad had ever thought of consolidated purchases with other municipalities. Decker stated health ins had increased 11%, dental 10% and liability ins 3%. O'Connor stated that Hubbard did buy on state bid and did look for the lowest prices available.

Wilber Dennis wanted to know how many well houses we had and if they were maintained on a regular basis. O'Connor stated we had five well houses and DOH and DEC regulated our wells daily. We meet or exceed all state and federal requirements.

Georgiana Carson asked if a house was vacant if we still charged debt – Decker stated we did. O'Connor stated that there is a marketing meeting of the Planning Board Feb 8th and he hoped that is exactly what was addressed is the many vacant houses in the village.

Wilber Dennis asked if a house was torn down would it still pay debt. O'Connor stated yes because the infrastructure is still there for future use. The only it would not be charged is if an adjacent property bought the vacant one.

Sharon Wright wanted to know why there was no help for landlords since the 2006 flood. O'Connor stated again that the grants and various programs are focused on primary residences and not rentals. Sharon also asked about the \$20 admin fee attached to the water bills. Decker explained it was revenue for the water fund itself – for administration for parts and equipment – for man power. Sharon stated she would stop in the office to have this better explained.

Stacey Whiting asked what the insurance increases were again. Decker stated 11% and 10% - she stated that was way over market value. Decker also stated that a few years ago the Village had changed to an HSA for health insurance and Stacey replied that was a way better way to go.

Melissa Bishop asked about how our dental coverage was. She said that in her experience most dental insurances weren't all that great. Decker replied that the Village's wasn't the best but when needed by an employee it was there.

Paul Lantz asked what was the final overall increase per quarter in water and sewer bills. Decker replied \$3.46.

President O'Connor closed the PH at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION#225/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connor seconded by Trustee Warner to approve the 2012-2013 water and sewer budgets as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

STREETS

No old business

WATER

No old business

SEWER

No old business

BUILDINGS

No old business

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No old business

EMERGENCY SQUAD

No old business

POLICE DEPARTMENT

No old business

PRESIDENT

Mayor O'Connor stated he was approached as to why the Christmas lights are still up and on – he was informed TDS took them down this week.

TRUSTEES

No old business

FINANCE

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

WATER

MOTION#226/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Strauss to authorize a \$469.11 credit on account #0266 because of lack of information in regards to vacant apartments. The motion carried unanimously.

SEWER

No new business

BUILDINGS

No new business

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Shaun Rynearson informed the board that the new mini pumper would be in service tomorrow. He encouraged all to stop at the FD and check it out.

EMERGENCY SQUAD

Captain Couse informed the board that there were active members attending the annual FASNY seminar in Montour Falls on March 2-4th 2012. Total cost is \$564.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Cantwell informed the board that our two recruits at the police academe graduation had received the top two honors of the class.

PRESIDENT

Mayor O'Connor stated that Steve Herz and two representatives from the Boome County transit would be at the Senior Center on February 9 at 11:45 for a meeting in regards with continuing transit with the county. All are encouraged to attend.

MOTION#227/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Warner to approve the 2012-2013 EDRLF budget as submitted to the Village Board. Decker stated that the budget had been approved by the EDRLF committee on January 18th, 2012. The motion carried unanimously. Member Barry Conklin wanted it stated that the EDRLF committee has committed \$98,000 in ERDLF funds for the most current CDBG project in the Village.

MOTION#228/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Warner to authorize the Mayor's signature on the annual 2012 miscellaneous contract with Shumaker Engineers. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#229/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee O'Connell to authorize the Mayor's signature on the agreement with Alan Sorensen of Planit Main St. to replace Amy Kenyon. Mr. Sorensen will administer both the LWRP and CDBG grants at a not to exceed price with all other work at \$100 an hour. The motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEES

No new business

FINANCE

MOTION#230/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Warner to authorize the mayor's signature on the Delaware County joint tax sale as follows:

RESOLUTION

JOINT SALE OF TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTIES
BY VILLAGE OF DEPOSIT AND COUNTY OF DELWARE

WHEREAS the County of Delaware has proceeded to foreclose on the following properties in the Village and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Village and the County of Delaware to work together to protect the Village tax lien;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Delaware sell the interest in both municipalities. The proceeds from said sale shall be divided in proportion to the taxes owed each entity for the year 2010-2011. Each parcel shall be treated individually as follows:

349.17-1-7	Jeffery Babcock	\$ 1,673.30
349.13-4-10	Robert Conklin	\$ 1,140.25
367.5-1-13.12	Harvey Decker	\$ 1,721.15
349.13-5-13	Patricia Elgouhary	\$ 1,075.79
349.17-1-10	Tammy Finch	\$ 1,060.83
367.5-1-1	Joseph Lariccio	\$ 1,247.73

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#231/11-12

A motion was made to enter into and out of executive session to discuss property transfers and specific personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#232/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded By Trustee Strauss to authorize Chief Cantwell to interview and hire two candidates for possible attendance to the police academe. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Warner to hire Tahir Haqq as a part time patrolman for the village police at \$13.00 and hour effective immediately. Dan Strauss opposed the motion. Trustee McKee being absent was an automatic nay vote. Mayor O'Connor voted Aye for Mr. Haqq. Final tally 3 aye, 2 nay.

MOTION#233/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee O'Connell to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: