

BUDGET MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Rynearson, Trustees Hathaway, Strauss, O'Connell, and Mott, C/T Decker, DC/T Budine, Chief Cantwell, Brian Moore, Paul Lantz, Supervisor Davie, and Debbie Stever

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

C/T Decker summarized the tentative budget to refresh everyone's memory. The current draft budget includes the \$1.00 an hour increase for the Court Clerk, the \$500 for landscaping and \$5000 was removed from the buildings contractual line.

Trustee Mott asked the board to consider giving the part time police officers a \$1.00 an hour also. He felt the PD officers should be recognized the same as the Court Clerk as well as for their training certificates. Mott then gave a summary of the average tickets issued to date to show the revenue flow to the court. Mott felt the job the Police Dept does should be recognized. Trustee Mott made a motion and the Mayor said he would second if he could – he also felt they have done a good job. Trustee Hathaway asked that the budget remain the same as submitted and the board could keep track of revenue flow, activity etc. Mayor Rynearson stated as he was new he didn't have a lot of history on wages for the department but he felt we had had this discussion before. Decker stated that the part time officers received a \$2.00 an hour increase two years ago while other part timers did not. Decker felt the PD was separate in their required training and NYS qualifications and it was not budget savvy to put all part timers in the same category. She stated further that saying we must be competitive can certainly be applied to all departments as no one is paid competitive wages. However, we do try to bring employees to a better wage when we can. Mayor Rynearson stated we need to have realistic discussions on the wages for the Police Department in the future. Trustee Mott stated he felt the board needed to have a plan on various items – vehicle replacement, staffing and wages. Mott suggested possible consideration for another full time officer – a topic that has also been mentioned before. Mott also stated that the board seems to have the same arguments repeatedly on several issues. Trustee Hathaway felt that \$15 an hour for a part time job was a decent wage. Trustee O'Connell questioned the future with union negotiations pending.

Trustee Mott made a motion to increase the part time police officers wage by \$1.00 an hour. There was no second.

MOTION#324/15-16

A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee Strauss to hold a Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 tentative water, sewer and general fund budgets as submitted for possible adoption on February 9th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for adoption. Trustee Mott opposed.

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A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee Mott to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: