

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPOSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD
ON FEBRUARY 14, 2012 AT THE DEPOSIT THEATER ON FRONT. ST IN DEPOSIT

PRESENT: Mayor O'Connor, Trustees Warner, Strauss, CT Decker, DCT Budine, Chief Cantwell, Fire Chief Rynearson, Paul and Lucy Lantz, Jim Conklin. Eddy Joe Pavlov and Ed Pavlov, Sharon Wright, Debbie Stever and PWS Hubbard, Geo Carson, John Davies, Jay Vandermark, Captain Couse, Wayne Raymond, Kermit Mott, Melissa Bishop, Nancy Stanton, Stacey and Terry Whiting, Lynn O'Connor and Stewart Faulkner

ABSENT: Trustees McKee and O'Connell

MOTION#234/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to begin the Unsafe Building Law on 5 River St. with an order to Remedy or Demolish. The motion carried unanimously.

CEO Conklin had informed the board that the owner of 5 River St. had contacted him and told him he wanted to take the building down himself. He has to meet flood plain regulations to rebuild and he has to have an asbestos report before he demolishes. Conklin will schedule a PH for the work session in March 2012.

Stacey Axtell Whiting addressed the board as a representative of the Chamber asking the Village Board to close Front St. on April 2, 2012 for the first and hopefully annual Trout 5K Run. The race will start and finish on Front St. Stacey handed out maps for the PD and the Fire Dept. on the route of the runners. She further stated that volunteers would be at each intersection.

MOTION#235/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to close Front St. on April 21, 2012 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for the Trout 5K Run. The motion carried unanimously.

Nick Barone President of the Chamber gave the board a letter asking for the use of the Village's Memorial Park for the weekly Farmers Market held from approximately mid June thru September every Sat from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The board told Mr. Barone that he would have to show proof of insurance and also sign a hold harmless agreement as well. O'Connor stated the board would take into consideration his request.

PUBLIC HEARING
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GENERAL FUND 2012-2013 BUDGET
7:15 P.M.

President O'Connor summarized the budget as follows: The budget this year is \$1,051,996.80 – up 3.8% from last year. This gives the Village a Broome county Tax rate per 1,000 assessment of \$9.63 or 23 cents more than last year – an increase of 2.44%. The Delaware County side of the Village is \$16.73 per 1,000 of assessment or 22 cents more – an 1.33% increase. He further stated that the Village had passed a Local Law in November to over ride the Property Tax Cap should we need it. After working hard on the budget we did not exceed the 2% cap. O'Connor then asked the public if they had any comments:

Melissa Bishop stated that public service was very important and that good work should be rewarded – she then thanked everyone for a job well done.

George Carson asked the Mayor if the Full time employees had received a raise and the Mayor stated they had. Mrs. Carson asked if in this economy that was wise – O'Connor stated that he felt they had all earned their raises. Mrs. Carson stated that some of the employees made more than the average resident in Deposit and O'Connor stated that many of them made way less than the average resident as well. O'Connor further stated that of all taxes paid in the Village only 20% were actually village taxes and that he certainly hoped she would check on other entities and what taxes they assess.

O'Connor then closed the public hearing to the public. He then asked for comments from the board. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

MOTION#236/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Warner to approve the 202-2013 General Fund Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#237/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to waive the reading of the January 10th Regular Session and the amended January 24th Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#238/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to accept for filing the January 10th Regular Session and the amended January 24th Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#239/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to accept for filing the monthly Police Report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#240/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to accept for filing the monthly EMS Report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#241/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to accept for filing the monthly Fire Dept. Report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#242/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Warner to accept for filing the annual Fire Dept. Report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#243/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to accept for filing the monthly Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#244/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to accept for filing the monthly Court Report. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

PWS Hubbard stated the village crew had completed 108 work orders and 31 for Gaga Lake WWTP. Hubbard stated he would like to publically thank the Town of Sanford for the assistance in rebuilding our small cinder spreader. TOS provided the steel the welder and it works like a charm. Again thanks to the Town of Sanford. Hubbard met

with Alan Sorensen and Kerron Barnes on the \$600,000 CDBG Wheeler St. Project. They walked the route for the new water line and visited the water tanks for the scada system. Hubbard informed the board that he had signed two Blue Books from FEMA for a total of \$54,000 – approximately \$80,000 is still outstanding from FEMA. Hubbard wanted the board to consider bidding out the snow shoveling and grass mowing this year. He said he would provide a set of specs for the bidders to follow if need be. President O'Connor told the board that he had contacted the DRBC and they want no part in the Wheeler St. project. Hubbard will contact DEC to find out if they need to be involved.

WATER

No old business

SEWER

No old business

BUILDINGS

No old business

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Rynearson wanted the board to know that the mini pumper was on display outside in the parking lot after the meeting if anyone was interested.

EMERGENCY SQUAD

No old business

POLICE DEPARTMENT

No old business

PRESIDENT

President O'Connor informed the board that he had met with Steve Herz and two representatives from Broome County Transit at the Senior Center to discuss the twice weekly bus runs to Deposit from Binghamton. All were notified if there wasn't more usage the bus runs would be eliminated.

President O'Connor and PWS Hubbard met with Debbie Preston the new County Executive to discuss needs by county and village. O'Connor stated that the county wants to reinstate the 50/50 split in the sales tax among other tactics to decrease the burden on taxpayers.

TRUSTEES

No old business

FINANCE

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

WATER

No new business

SEWER

No new business

BUILDINGS

No new business

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MOTION#245/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to allow the command vehicle and the fire dept car to attend the Greenport parade this coming weekend. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#246/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the RFP's for the refurbishment of SQUAD 22. The motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY SQUAD

No new business

POLICE DEPARTMENT

No new business

PRESIDENT

MOTION#247/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Warner to authorize the Mayor's signature on an Intermunicipal Agreement for the Recycling Drop off Center. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#248/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Warner to appoint Melissa Bishop to the Planning Board as an alternate effective immediately. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#249/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the Open Meetings Law resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF
AGENDA ITEMS PRIOR TO MEETING**

The Village Board of the Village of Deposit (the "Village") duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, Public Officers Law Section 103 (e) requires that the Village make its records available to the public pursuant to article six of Public Officers Law, as well as any proposed resolution, law, rule, regulation, policy or any amendment thereto, that is scheduled to be the subject of discussion by the Village during an open meeting (hereinafter "Agenda Items"); and

WHEREAS, Public Officers Law requires that such Agenda Items shall be made available, upon request therefore, to the extent practicable as determined by Village prior to or at the meeting during which the records will be discussed; and

WHEREAS, if the Village does maintain a regularly and routinely updated website and utilizes a high speed internet connection, such Agenda Items must be posted on the website prior to the meeting, to the extent practicable as determined herein; and

WHEREAS, based upon time constraints, financial constraints, and personnel constraints, Village Board deems the following to be practicable and reasonable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Deposit in regular session duly convened as follows:

1. A request for copies of Agenda Items that are twenty (20) pages or less can be submitted up to noon on the same day of the meeting and will be processed before the meeting; and
2. Any request for Agenda Items that are longer than twenty (20) pages must be made at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting; and
3. Copies of Agenda Items will be made available for a reasonable fee, determined in the same manner as provided for in the Public Officers Law; more specifically, at a cost of twenty-five (25) cents per photocopy not in excess of nine inches (9") by fourteen inches (14"), or the actual costs of reproducing any other record in accordance with the law; and
4. The Village will charge the actual cost of reproducing Agenda Items, including engaging outside professional service, actual cost of any storage device and, where allowable, the hourly salary attributed to the lowest paid agency employee who has the necessary skill required to prepare a copy of the requested record; and
5. In accordance with the Public Officers Law, a person requesting Agenda Items shall be informed of the estimated cost of preparing a copy if more than two hours of an employee's time is needed, or if an outside professional service would be retained to prepare a copy; and
6. Agenda Items submitted at least three (3) business days before the meeting will be posted on the website and whenever possible, such Agenda Items will be posted on the website at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting time; and
7. Agenda Items submitted less than three (3) business days before a meeting need not be posted on the website; and
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion carried unanimously.

President O'Connor stated that Grievance Day is March 2, 2012 between 1 an 2 p.m. at the Village Hall.

TRUSTEES

No new business

FINANCE

MOTION#250/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to authorize the mayor's signature on the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 59,781.13
Water Fund:	\$12,425.91
Sewer Fund:	\$32,674.68
T&A	\$ 2,077.86

The motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS

MOTION#251/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to close Front St. on May 5, 2012 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. for the Little League Parade. A parade route map was provided to the Police Chief and the Fire Chief. The motion carried unanimously.

Melissa Bishop thanked the Board for her appointment to the Planning Board. Ms. Bishop asked why the local gas station did not have to post its prices on the big sign in front of the store. Someone commented that the gas prices were on the pumps and possibly that was all that was required. Mayor O'Connor suggested a call the Broome County Weights and Measures.

Lucy Lantz wanted the Board to know that she had received notice of her grant award in the amount of \$4,200.00 for court room renovations to permit jury trials in the future.

George Carson asked Brad if it would be feasible to drill another well. Hubbard explained that the two best producing wells had been completely refurbished since he was hired and were in tip top shape. He felt our infrastructure was far more important than wells at this time – very old water lines and such.

Next Ed Pavlov wanted to know why he was paying for something he was not using. He pays \$34 a quarter for water debt and the admin fee charged every account. O'Connor explained that unless he combines the vacant lot being charged with his lot he lives on this will be the procedure. Sharon Wright asked about the \$20 admin fee and it was explained that it was part of your consumption and therefore was not seen unless you had no usage.

MOTION#252/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to enter into and out of executive session to discuss specific personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#253/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Strauss to appoint Amy Markowitz to the EMS Squad effective immediately. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#254/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and Trustee Strauss to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted: