

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2017 AT THE DEPOSIT THEATER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Rynearson, C/T Decker, DC/T Budine, Trustee Moore, Strauss and O'Connell, Fire Chief Rynearson, Assistant Fire Chief Zacharias, Chief Cantwell, DPW Supervisor Davie, Lucy and Paul Lantz, Nick Barone, Georgianna Carson, Phobee Carson, Mr. Cox, John O'Connor, Mary O'Connell, Ann Schambach, Sarah Evans, Jim Conklin, Jim Durning, Howie Couse, Theresa Hulbert, Pete McDade, Lynn O'Connor, Charlotte Ellsworth, Harry Warner, Steve Evans, Robert Cantwell, Mike Musante, and Debbie Stever

ABSENT: Trustee Freyer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING 2017-2018 Budget
7:00 P.M.

General budget as follows:

General Fund: A budget of \$1,192,314 or an overall increase of 3.873%. This equates to a 4.77% in Broome Cty and a 4.59% increase in the tax rate per thousand or

57,000/1000 = 57 X 11.84 = \$674.88 (an increase of \$30.78) Brm Cty	(\$644.10)
57,000/1000 = 57 X 20.02 = \$1,141.14 (an increase of \$50.16) Dela Cty	(\$1,090.98)

This includes union wages, \$1.00 an hour for non-union employees, \$2.50 an hour for the PD part time employees, union health insurance rates with a savings of approx \$16,000, 2% increase in Retirement, 3% increase in liability insurance, the interest payment of \$6,510 (A9730.7) the \$450,000 bond for the project, and an increase of \$6,500 for the highway reserve.

The following cuts were made to the prior budget:

A3410.46 \$1000 fuel

A4540.46 \$1000 fuel

A1325.41 \$1,000 IT

A3120.12 \$3,900 4th crossing guard

A5110.46 \$1,000 fuel

Exhibit A – tax rate with \$1.00 non-union and \$2.50 PT PD

WATER:

The Water budget is attached with increases in non-union employees at \$1.00 an hour; overall increase union and non union is 7.22%; cell phones of \$1,152.00 (F1990.42). This is a cell phone for John and Art. There is the EDRLF debt of the water project – F9710.61 principal of \$2,965 and F9720.71 interest at \$247. This is an overall increase of 2.86% of the budget and a 2.37% increase in water rates.

SEWER:

The Sewer budget is attached with increases in non-union employees at \$1.00 an hour – overall wage increase (union and non union) is 9.2%; cell phone at \$1,152 (G1990.42). This is cell phones for Scott and Luke. There is an EDRLF debt of the Oquaga Creek Bank Stabilization project - G9710.71 principal of \$4,586 and G9710.72 interest of \$381. This is an overall increase of 2% from last year and a 2.9% increase in sewer rates. The biggest increase is wages. This budget also includes a \$5,000 reserve – decreased \$5,000 from last year in G9901.9.

Mayor Rynearson stated that he felt it was a fair budget. This year was a record year in that a union contract was reached and was the driving force for the budget. The non-union employees received a \$1.00 an hour and the PD received \$2.50 an hour increase. Kermit Mott asked that the use of fund balance be used to balance the budget and forego the transfer to reserves. The fund balance could offset what needs to be raised in taxes for one year only. Trustee Moore felt it was dangerous to do that as much was needed in the DPW equipment and we should not be balancing the budget with fund balance. Trustee O'Connell stated that he agreed with Trustee Moore. Trustee Strauss stated he did not agree with using fund balance. Decker responded saying she did not recall last year's fund balance, however she felt fund balance was never a good idea for balancing the budget.

Sarah Evans asked what savings there would be with the grants we just received? Decker replied that the savings will be in the overtime budget when the new Influent Screen was in place and that overtime dollar amount had already been considered in this budget. Deb Stever asked – not to nit pick – but wondered if we'd receive better service with the PD over staffing on Sunday's? Mayor Rynearson replied that staffing on Sunday was simply an opinion and yes with the PD increase when you pay them better we can hold them to a higher standard - people that get paid better give residents better services. He further stated he certainly hoped so. Rynearson stated that the Village government is older than NYS and we need to strive to get it right. He stated "We are doing our best and it's time to move forward". Georgianna Carson asked if all the PT police officers get workers comp. Mayor Rynearson stated that all Village employees get workers comp. Ms. Carson then asked what the crime rate was in Deposit? Rynearson stated that there would be no way of knowing that, however, there is a monthly report that gives ticket information as well as a summary of the previous month's activities. Decker stated PT officers may not work more than 19.5 hours a week and Trustee O'Connell stated the same while adding that staffing for all shifts is a problem. Ms. Carson said the Village was taxing people out of their homes. Mayor Rynearson stated it was not just the Village – the two Towns had to be considered as their taxes must be paid as well. Also, Ms. Carson stated the movie theater was not ADA complaint. Rynearson said he was considering utilizing the two towns meeting spaces as a solution.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2017/2018 WATER, SEWER AND GENERAL FUNDS BUDGET

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Deposit, duly convened on January 10th, 2017, does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of the New York State Village Law and other applicable provisions of law, the annexed detailed statement of estimated expenditures and revenues be and the same hereby is approved and adopted as the Budget of the Village of Deposit (the "Village") for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2017. Such Budget shall be filed forthwith in the office of the Village Clerk where it shall be available for public inspection.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees of the Village did meet at the Deposit Theater, Front Street in the Village on January 10, 2017 at 7 pm for a Public Hearing on the tentative 2017-2018 Budget. Said Public Hearing is recorded in the official minutes of the Village. THEREFORE the 2017-2018 Village Budget will be offered for adoption at the January 10th, 2017 Regular Session as submitted.

Dated: January 10, 2017

Motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee O'Connell with a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Freyer	Absent
Trustee O'Connell	Aye
Trustee Moore	Aye
Trustee Strauss	Nay
Mayor Rynearson	Aye

The resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION#319/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee Strauss to close the Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION#320/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee O'Connell to waive the reading of the Dec. 13th Regular and Budget meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#321/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee O'Connell to accept for filing of the Dec. 13th Regular and Budget meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#322/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Moore to accept for filing the monthly Police Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#323/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Moore to accept for filing the monthly Treasure's Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#324/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee O'Connell to accept for filing the monthly Court Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#325/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee O'Connell to accept for filing the monthly Code Enforcement Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no Fire Dept July October or January quarterly reports.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

STREETS

DPW Supervisor Davie reminded everyone that the culvert or rather the small bridge on lower Front St. will need to be repaired sooner rather than later. The Mayor stated that the DPW needs to be monitoring the situation while we look for funding. Davie stated the crew had salted this afternoon in expectation of the storm. Davie heard back from FeDuke Ford and there was no gas in the diesel fuel, however, there was traces of a gel from the fuel additive 911.

WATER

Davie asked the board if one or two hydrants can be purchased with fund balance. May ro Rynearson stated that the water pressure issue needs to be resolved before replacing hydrants and possibly we need to form a committee to research this better.

SEWER

BUILDINGS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY SQUAD

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Cantwell stated that Zach Finch had graduated from the Police Academy on Jan 7th, 2017 as top marksman of the class and had excelled in the academy. Later this week the Courier Reporter will be interviewing Mr. Finch for the newspaper.

PRESIDENT

Mayor Rynearson thanked everyone for coming out! Attendance at meetings is always welcome.

TRUSTEES

Trustee O'Connell talked of the FUDR meeting on January 3rd, 2017 with Chris Gibson to announce the funding made available thru legislation of up to 5 mil for stream mitigation. Mayor Rynearson asked if a committee should be formed with the other two municipalities to start a grant application. John O'Connor stated that he didn't think a committee would be needed as FUDR and Delaware Cty knew what was needed and will be applying on behalf of all if asked.

Trustee Moore asked for the following motion:

MOTION#326/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee Strauss to allow Windsor to use our second ambulance as back up for theirs on an emergency basis only. The motion carried unanimously. All the legal and necessary issues had been worked out.

FINANCE

MOTION#327/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee Strauss to authorize the Mayor's signature on the CDBG 2016 323PR160-16 in the amount of \$724,677. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#328/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee O'Connell to authorize the mayor's signature on the abstract of audited vouchers as follows:

GENERAL	\$54,396.82
WATER	\$ 5,048.38
SEWER	\$ 6,450.08

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#329/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee Strauss to authorize the payment of also audited vouchers 56-94 as there was no work session in December 2016 as follows:

GENERAL	\$38,484.43
WATER	\$ 7,083.07
SEWER	\$ 10,900.71

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#330/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee Strauss to authorize the Clerk Treasurer to make the following budget adjustments:

TO:		FROM:	
G8130.11	\$1945.54	G8130.4	\$1945.54
G8130.1	\$ 560.00	G8130.4	\$ 560.00
G9030.8	\$ 990.94	G1990.4	\$ 990.94
F8340.11	\$ 72.00	F1990.41	\$ 72.00
A5110.1	\$ 723.20	A5132.1	\$ 723.20
A5142.2	\$.50	A5142.1	\$.50
A5410.4	\$ 420.00	A8989.41	\$ 420.00
A7320.21	\$ 195.00	A8989.41	\$ 195.00
A8160.4	\$ 50.00	A9040.8	\$ 50.00
	\$4,959.18		\$4,959.18

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#331/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee O'Connell to deny the request of tax map # 349.13-7-4, 64 Dean St., to waive the penalty on the June 2016 tax of \$77.74. The owner felt given the time frame and the documents thereof, the penalty should not be assessed. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#332/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Moore to hire Mary Faigle and Ellen Ficurrili at \$10 an hour for the March 7th, 2017 Village election. The motion carried unanimously

GUESTS

Nick Barone, Chamber President, informed the board that the Chamber was intact and would be having its annual dinner on January 26th, 2017 and would like someone from the Village to attend.

MOTION#333/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee O'Connell to enter into executive session to discuss specific personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#334/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee O'Connell to come out of executive session.

MOTION#335/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee Strauss to accept with regret the resignation of 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Howard Couse effective immediately. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#336/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Moore to adjourn the meeting 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted