

2017-2018 BUDGET MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON
OCTOBER 25, 2016 AT 6:00 PM AT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Rynearson, Trustees O'Connell, Strauss and Moore, C/T Decker,
DC/T Budine, Police Chief Cantwell

ABSENT: Trustee Fryer

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

C/T Decker stated that Chief Cantwell had not changed much in his budget beyond wages and turned the meeting over to him. Cantwell explained that he was simply trying to get wages to be more competitive – he wasn't asking for parody – just more competitive. He also stated that he was initially going to have taser updates in the tentative budget but discovered they were a far less expense, therefore using this years budget to upgrade. He stated there were no increases in his maintenance contracts. There was much discussion on the fuel line – this finally being reduced from \$9,000 this year to \$7,000 for next year. Cantwell stated that he increased his hours from 4320 to 4360 – the increase being in special events. This prompted much discussion on all the pros and cons of the Village's responsibility/involvement of all events. Cantwell stated that each event prompts some public safety – exactly what he was budgeting for. Mayor Rynearson suggested a committee to address all the issues that arise with events throughout the Village such as coordination of times and dates, public safety, race routes, fees for police above and beyond normal patrols etc. The Mayor suggested this be discussed further. He suggested getting all people together to discuss – the Chamber, The Events Committee, Wilson Children's Center, Mrs. Hogan, Lumberjack Committee – all those that provide the community with events.

Next, Cantwell explained wage requests. He stated he requested across the board increases. Evaluations are not done in the department as there are too many variables with his part time officers. There was no action taken at this time.

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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,

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

Next C/T informed the board that she had provided a three – year wage matrix – similar to the recent Teamsters Local contract for the Clerk's office for their consideration. There was no action taken at this time.

C/T Decker briefly explained the General Fund Tentative Budget submitted. Tentative budget includes fixed wage increases for all non union employees, new cell phones

increases, 3% increase in liability insurance, Teamsters Health Care Plan for all, revenue increases in sales tax and Fire and Ems etc. Overall, as is, there was a 3.628% increase in Broome tax rate and 3.918 in Delaware tax rate. However, there were some correction that need to be made such as the interest on the BAN due in April and the disability needed to be removed as it is now part of the union agreement. Trustee Moore wanted to be sure we added more money in the Gen Fund Reserve for the eventual purchase of another truck to update the fleet.

Next there was much discussion on the cell phones. The board made no decision on providing upgrades or stipends for those that are required to have phones. Decker was concerned with exceeding minutes provided per phone and personal use. Mayor Rynearson suggested a call forwarding, call waiting to eliminate personal use and or cells altogether. Decker said she would check this out as it pertains to the scada system that actually makes the call outs.

Next the nuisance mowing/snow removal was discussed. C/T Decker stated that her Deputy has provided revenues vs expenses. She has also provided a draft set of specs for amendment. C/T Decker has a NYS Dept of Labor PRC # should we decide to move forward. Mayor Rynearson asked the ratio of those expenses that are relieved annually as opposed to those that are paid. DC/T Budine stated more are added to the relevy than not. In some cases we receive reimbursement when the property sells. He felt this was an example of part of the Zombie tax law that could be implemented at some point in time. Unless directed to do so, the Clerk's office has completed its evaluation of this potential change.

Next Budget meeting will be November 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee O'Connell to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted