

BUDGET MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 22, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. AT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Rynearson, Trustees Freyer, O'Connell, Moore and Strauss, C/T Decker, DC/T Budine, Police Chief Cantwell, DPW Supervisor Davie and Debbie Stever

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

C/T Decker opened the meeting with the Water fund budget. Increases are with union and non union wages, cell phones, payment to the EDRLF for the water project etc with an overall increase of 2.86% and 2.37% increase in water rates.

MOTION#282/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee Strauss to pass the 2017-2018 Water Fund Budget as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

There was much discussion on the cell phone issue. The call- out employees need a phone 24/7. The issue of minutes was discussed at length. The plans offered are with either 200/300 minutes per phone pooled by all who have phones. The board thought that 5 phones were all that was needed and initially a motion was made as such, however, the phone issued was tabled until Decker could find out the cost of unlimited minutes.

Next, Decker discussed the Sewer fund budget. The sewer fund includes union and non union wage increases, cell phones, payment to the EDRLF for the WWTP bank stabilization with an overall increase of 3.2% and a 5.57% increase in sewer rates. Decker suggested decreasing the reserve amount (G9901.9) to \$5,000 – down from \$10,000. This would decrease the sewer rates by \$1.56 or to 4.48% overall increase rather than 5.57.

MOTION#283/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Moore to accept the sewer budget with a reduction in G9901.9 of \$5,000 for an overall increase of 2.234% to the budget and a 4.48% increase to sewer rates. The motion carried unanimously.

Decker then gave a summary on the General fund budget stating that it included union wages as negotiated and non union wages at \$1.00 an hour for Court Clerk, DPW Supervisor and the Clerk's office and \$2.50 an hour for the all PD officers. The budget included cell phones, 3% increase in liability ins and 2% in retirement and the interest payment on the bond for the Streetscape Project. This gives the tax rate of 4.7% for Broome and 4.55% in Dela Cty. Decker also gave the board a tax rate increase for \$1.00 an hour for the PD at a tax rate of 2.654% for Broome and a 3.396% for Dela Cty. Much discussion then ensued. Trustee Strauss stated the 2.50 an hour raise for the PD was 3 times inflation easily. The Mayor felt the increase was a wise investment and making around \$18 an hour in Deposit was a damn good wage. Further he felt that we had saved on health insurance this year making the increase a justifiable expense. Strauss stated he would go with a \$1 an hour and Mayor Rynearson said he disagreed. He then asked the other board members. Trustee O'Connell was concerned with the large percentage increase but knew we would have to take a hit at some point and Trustee Freyer stated she felt the increase was for a good investment. They Mayor asked for a cost difference per thousand with the above percentage increases. Decker said she could provide them.

MOTION#284/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Freyer to give the PD a \$2.50 raise per hour in the 2017-2018 budget. Trustee Strauss opposed the motion. Trustee Moore and the Mayor approved.

The General Fund Budget was tabled until more information could be obtained on the cell phones.

MOTION#285/16-17

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee O'Connell to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: