

2015-2016 BUDGET MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON  
JANUARY 19, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Mayor O'Connor, Trustees Hathaway, O'Connell, Mott and Strauss, C/T Decker,  
DC/T Budine, Chief Cantwell, Wayne Raymond and Debbie Stever

Mayor O'Connor opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor O'Connor stated that at the last meeting the one undecided issue was the PD wages.

Trustee Strauss stated he was for the 1.7% increase and less hours. Trustee Mott stated he did not agree. He stated that the department head had asked the board for a block of hours to continue a certain level of service in the village. Mott stated that if one took a 50,000 assessment by the tax rate increase for the 4320 hours it would be an increase of a \$1.26 a month. Mott didn't feel we should cut just because we can. Trustee O'Connell felt we were not getting our money's worth now with the 4320 hours – there still are days that are not covered – we do not have people filling some shifts now. Chief Cantwell felt it was an officer safety issue. Trustee O'Connell felt officer safety was an every shift issue not something created by a block of hours or lack of. Trustee Mott felt there was a value in having an officer on duty and cutting hours was detrimental.

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A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee O'Connell to increase the PD wages by 1.7% with the 2015-2016 proposed budget. Trustees Hathaway and Strauss opposed with Mayor O'Connor voting aye.

Moving forward next year Trustee O'Connell felt we should begin with a bare bones budget and work forward. Also, more data should be made available to the trustees on the number or arrests and so forth to better analysis the Police Dept. C/T Decker informed the board that Trustee Mott had given her some information on the time frame of budget preparation and submission from NYCOM. Decker stated she had called NYCOM and talked to Barbara VanEpps and Ms. VanEpps stated that each village must do its best to comply by those dates. Trustee Mott then stated that the Mayor is the budget officer and begins the budget process and sees it through to its conclusion.

Next, Mayor O'Connor stated that he would like to have the board authorize a fire dept condemned ladder to a collector. The following motion was offered:

MOTION#302/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee O'Connell for a Fire Dept condemned ladder to be sold to Chris Zacharias as scrap metal with a letter from Zacharias stating such ladder will be used as decoration only. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Mayor O'Connor stated that he would also like the unwritten policy of waiving the building permit fees for churches and non-profits be abolished and a official motion and a second at the Organizational meeting permitting the village to charge for those organizations. O'Connor stated that he had polled similar municipalities and everyone charges but us. C/T Decker stated she would include it in the 2015 Organizational Minutes for consideration.

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A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Hathaway to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: