

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON  
FEBRUARY 11, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE DEPOSIT THEATER

PRESENT: Mayor O'Connor, Trustees Mott, Strauss and Hathaway, CT Decker, DCT Budine, Melissa Bishop, Lynn O'Connor, Paul and Lucy Lantz, Chief Cantwell, Fire Chief Rynearson, Sharon Wright, Ted Baker, Mike and Gail Musante, DPW Hubbard, Debbie Stever and Caitlin Stevens of the Walton Reporter

ABSENT: Trustee O'Connell

Mayor O'Connor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING  
2014-2015 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET  
7:10 P.M.

Mayor O'Connor opened the Public Hearing on the proposed 2014-2015 General Fund Budget by giving a summary of the increases as follows: \$5000 in a highway reserve; \$2500 in sidewalk repairs; \$6,100 in wages at 1.7%; \$4700 in PD in car video; \$2970 in equipment maintenance contracts; \$1000 increase in vehicle maintenance; and \$8250 in computer IT. O'Connor explained these increases were above the mandated increases such as retirement; health insurance; and liability insurance for an overall 5% increase in the budget from last year. The tax rate for Broome County went from \$9.70 to \$10.78 per thousand assessed value; Delaware County tax rate went from \$17.31 to \$18.39 per thousand. O'Connor opened the Public Hearing to the Public as follows: Lucy Lantz wanted to thank the Village Board for their level of professionalism by providing the 2014-2015 proposed budget before and during the Public Hearing. She appreciates the open government. Melissa Bishop thanked the board for their hard work and asked about the winter snow removal budget now and in the future. DPW Hubbard answered that so far this year he was in pretty good shape and there was only a few weeks left of the fiscal year. He also stated that he had built a little more in the budget for vehicle maintenance as his fleet is older but he felt next year's budget was sufficient. Mayor O'Connor closed the public portion of the Public Hearing. He then asked his board for comments. Trustee Mott stated he felt the tree line item in the budget should be increased and urged the board to reconsider this approach.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 201-2015 BUDGET  
WATER, SEWER AND GENERAL FUNDS

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Deposit, duly convened in Regular Session 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 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, 2014. 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 shall meet at the Deposit Theater, Front St. in the Village on February 11, 2014 at 7 pm and then and there will approve and adopt the 2014-2015 Village Budgets.

DATED: February 11, 2014

MOTION made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee Strauss with a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Mott	Aye
Trustee O'Connell	Absent

Trustee Strauss                      Aye  
Trustee Hathaway                    Aye  
Mayor O'Connor                      Aye  
The motion carried.

Mayor O'Connor stated that the water and sewer budgets are not a "revenue stream" as referred to by some. The water and sewer budgets support themselves and determine the rates annually. There is very little "revenue" generated.

A thank you to Lars Update for the lights in the theater tonight - Mr. Update fixed some glitch in the lighting in the theater.

MOTION#325/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to waive the reading of the January 14<sup>th</sup> Regular and Budget minutes and the January 28<sup>th</sup> Work Session and Budget minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#326/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to accept for filing the January 14<sup>th</sup> Regular and Budget minutes and the January 28<sup>th</sup> Regular and Budget minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#327/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Hathaway to accept for filing the Police Department monthly report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#328/13-14

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

MOTION#329/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to accept for filing the monthly Fire Dept report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#330/13-14

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

MOTION#331/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee Strauss to accept for filing the monthly court report. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

STREETS

Hubbard stated he had removed the snow from the business district. He is carefully watching overtime and with another storm later in the week he wanted things cleaned up. He stated that this year he has used the most salt since he has been employed by the Village.

WATER

No old business

SEWER

BUILDINGS

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

No old business

## EMERGENCY SQUAD

No old business

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

No old business

## PRESIDENT

No old business

## TRUSTEES

Trustee Mott informed the board that he had had a discussion with Congressman Chris Gibson on the long overdue remedy for the ambulance billing issues with certain ambulance providers. Congressman Gibson assured Trustee Mott that if not resolved to the satisfaction of the people he was prepared to draft a law to address the issue. Also Trustee Mott stated he had called various other municipalities to see what they used as their meal reimbursement. Hancock uses similar to us; \$6 breakfast, \$9 lunch and \$15 for dinner. Other municipalities such as Windsor and Sidney will reimburse reasonable expenses. Mott informed the board that the Federal government pays \$46 per day. Trustee Mott would like some discussion on an increase from \$30 per day and wording in the personnel policy once decided as to the breakdown. Mayor O'Connor stated the department heads should get together and see what works for them and this item will be on the work session agenda. Trustee Mott then addressed the voucher for the truck wash and wax purchased by the fire department. There then was some discussion on the procurement policy of a \$1000 limit – if over a \$1000 a purchase needs prior board approval. Mott stated he would be watching this policy more closely moving forward. Hubbard stated he would like the \$1000 limit be removed and most items he wishes to purchase for all his departments is over \$1,000. Trustee Mott asked that it be part of the annual Organizational Meeting for review each year.

## FINANCE

No old business

## NEW BUSINESS

### STREETS

No new business

### WATER

No new business

### SEWER

No new business

### BUILDINGS

No new business

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

No new business

## EMS

Fire Chief Rynearson informed the board that the EMS Squad needed to purchase three training books for their new members. The books were cheapest at Amazon.com at a price of \$345.92. The Deposit Fire Dept Emergency Squad Inc . will pay for these books and the Village will reimburse by invoice minus sales tax. The board had no problem with this purchase as long as it was documented correctly.

Ted Baker of the EMS Squad informed the board that 7522 was out of service. Simmons Rockwell has it repairing the turbo charger that is under warranty.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Cantwell reminded everyone that “snow happens” and to be patient and understanding of those plowing the roads.

#### PRESIDENT

Mayor O’Connor asked the Shumaker Miscellaneous annual agreement be tabled until the work session so the board had time to review it.

O’Connor stated that several local municipalities – Village and Town of Deposit, Town and Village of Hancock, Delhi, Town of Colchester and FUDR have been meeting to discuss temperatures and flow of the river. The cold water flow can extend the fishing season by months which are all economic growth, and better releases can impact flooding. O’Connor asked Melissa Bishop of the Eagle River Valley to try and market the abandoned homes in the Village.

#### TRUSTEES

Trustee Mott stated the Chamber plans on another 5K Run on April 26, 2014. Mott informed the Chamber to put their information/request of services in a letter to the Village Board for consideration. Mott then thanked C/T Decker and her staff for the good work in avoiding “fiscal stress” in a letter from the State Comptroller’s Office.

#### FINANCE

##### MOTION#332/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Hathaway to authorize moving \$91.00 from General Fund Fund Balance to A1325.41 for the invoice to CER for the Fire Chief’s laptop monitor. The motion carried unanimously.

##### MOTION#333/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee Strauss to authorize the Mayor’s signature on the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as follows:

General:	\$ 27,665.33
Water:	\$ 7,432.15
Sewer:	\$ 19,229.52
T&A:	\$ 3,609.22

The motion carried unanimously.

##### MOTION#334/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to approve the following budget amendments:

<b>To:</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>Sewer</b>
	\$		\$
G8110.4	634.43	G8120.4	634.43
	\$		\$
	<b>634.43</b>		<b>634.43</b>

**WATER FUND**

To:	Water	From:	Water
F8340.1	\$ 810.00	F8330.1	\$ 810.00
	<b>\$ 810.00</b>		<b>\$ 810.00</b>

**GENERAL FUND**

A1110.4	\$ 166.26	A1110.1	\$ 166.26
A1110.42	\$ 30.00	A1110.1	\$ 30.00
A1325.4	\$ 836.65	A1325.1	\$ 836.65
A1620.4	\$ 1,041.12	A1620.1	\$ 1,041.12
A3120.41	\$ 31.17	A3120.4	\$ 31.17
A4540.43	\$ 300.83	A4540.24	\$ 300.83
A4540.44	\$ 256.28		\$ 256.28
A5010.1	\$ 1,430.64	A5010.4	\$ 415.15
		A5110.1	\$ 1,015.49
A5110.46	\$ 1,207.43	A5110.4	\$ 1,207.43
A8170.1	\$ 715.06	A8170.2	\$ 715.06
A8170.11	\$ 22.50	A8170.2	\$ 22.50
	<b>\$ 6,037.94</b>		<b>\$ 6,037.94</b>

The motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS

Melissa Bishop informed the board that she felt NYS Attorney General Erick Schneiderman had been doing a wonderful job and wanted to share the weekly newsletter.

**MOTION#335/13-14**

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

**MOTION#336/13-14**

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Hathaway to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: