REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUTEES ON NOVEMBER 12, 2024 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT STREET, DEPOSIT NY AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Hatch, Durning and Strauss, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans, CEO Hathaway, Ken Ellsworth Keystone engineering, Fire Chief Chris Zacharias, Mike Musante and Mr. Petrie.

ABSENT: Trustee Warner

Mayor Moore led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG 323CP137-23 $50,000 A GRANT CLOSING DATE OF DECEMBER 8, 2024, WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, WITH was held at Village of Deposit, Village Hall 61 Front Street, Deposit NY at 7PM.

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing and turned it over to Mr. Ken Ellsworth of Keystone Engineers. Mr. Ellsworth presented the Board with maps that were included in the report but were bigger for the audience to look at. He also presented the Board with 2 completed water survey Engineer reports. In the water model they were able to evaluate the water system and run scenarios that would improve flows and pressures in the model. With help from the DPW and a previous water model they were able to update and recreate a new model. This model allows them to change the pipes and sizes to see what kind of improvements that could be made. They were also able to see how the flood plain would affect all of this. The whole purpose of the study is to make the Village of Deposit eligible to apply for grant funding.

Mr. Ellsworth explained that the projects would be several items combined into one project. Some of the Village needs would be considered maintenance items and therefore not eligible. We also have some issues with hills in the Village and flow. This was taken in to consideration when outlining projects.

The study recommended that a $13.4 million dollar project be recommended. This project would include replacing a steel water tank #1 on Mill Street, rebuild the Dublin Street Wellhouse and make well upgrades, new meters and 12,000 feet of pipe.

The first phase is the tank, wells, meters and 3,000 feet of pipe replacement, cost of $8 million dollars. The goal would be to apply for a WIIA grant from EFC for $5 million, an OCR CDBG grant for $1.5 million, and a Climate Smart Grant from DEC for $500,000 This would leave $1 million left to finance through DWSRF program, depending on funding terms would result in a user rate increase of $150-$200 per user per year. An user that consumes $60,000 per year currently pays $560 per year, so new rate would be in the range of $700-$750, which translates to 1.6% of the median household income of the Village, and is the target service charge of 1.5%-2% that funding agencies expect users can afford.

Mr. Ellsworth went on to say that supplemental phases to complete the next 9,000 feet of water main replacement would be proposed as three projects at $1.5 Million each,, with a goal of getting successive OCR CDBG grants to fund these overtime.

Mayor Moore asked the audience if there were any comments from the public. With no comments made the Mayor asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION#223/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to close the Public Hearing at 7:19PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Moore opened the second Public Hearing for the Water System Evaluation in the current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project CDBG 323 CP 137-23 $50,000 end date of December 8, 2024. There were no public comments.

MOTION #224/ 24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Durning to close the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

MOTION#225/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Strauss to waive the reading of the October 8, 2024 Regular Session. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#226/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Durning to accept for filing the October 8, 2024 Regular Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#227/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Hatch to accept for filing the monthly Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#228/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Durning to accept for filing the October Code Enforcement report. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no Planning minutes to approve.

STREETS, WATER, SEWER

DPW Supervisor Evans gave an update on the intersection at Dean and Wheeler. He stated that he has flashing pedestrian signs that he would like to put in that intersection to try and alert drivers to the crosswalk.

Mr. Evans stated that a few valves had been paved over but they would be fixed soon.

MOTION#229/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Durning to move $80,933.37 from General Fund Fund balance to A5112.2 CHIPS paving. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#230/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to declare the Cub cadet tractor as surplus and sell it for scrap. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans stated that the traffic study was complete and it stated that the traffic pattern was would not be changed if the traffic light was removed at the intersection of Pine and Second. He stated that he would begin the process of getting that done.

MOTION#231/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Hatch to allow DPW Supervisor Evans to have Layne pull the pump at WH1 for $4950. This is an emergency repair. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#232/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Durning to approve the purchase of a compressor blower for the WWTP for $5493 from Gartner Equipment Company in Syracuse from Sewer Reserves. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans met with FEMA to discuss the gravel bar that was caused by Hurricane Helene.

Mr. Evans thanked Morgan Tree Farm for donating the Christmas tree for the Christmas tree lighting in Memorial Park.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CEO Hathaway reported that he was getting a court date for 23 Front Street. Two building permits were issued. The owner of 119 Front Street asked about opening a business and was referred to the Planning Board.

Mr. Hathaway wanted to remind everyone that sidewalks need to be kept clean from snow and ice.

PRESIDENT

**Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased
State Aid for Local Governments**

**Whereas**, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

**Whereas**, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of $50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the $50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

**Whereas**, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

**Whereas**, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Village of Deposit calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional $50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Village of Deposit urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

MOTION#233/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to approve the resolution in support of continued and increased State Aid. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore reported that the President of the Chamber of Commerce Rachael Tucker wants to put solar lights on the trees on Front Street.

Mr. Moore stated he has received several complaints about 129 Front Street blocking the sidewalk and having an electrical cord that crosses Church Street. CEO Hathaway said that he had spoken to the owner about blocking the sidewalk. He will now send a letter.

Mayor Moore announced that the Fire Department was not selected for the grant they applied for.

Mayor Moore also stated that things are slowly moving along with the Oquaga creek/bank stabilization project.

Mayor Moore also wanted to thank the DCS students who participated in the Village Clean up event.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Zacharias reported that there were 109 EBS calls and 104 were responded to. The Department has been busy with Fire Prevention education, trunk or treat and helping the Historical Society with their program Voices from the grave, which was a huge hit.

MOTION#234/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to approve the purchase of PPE equipment 4 suits for $2,324.44 each to be paid out of A3410.491. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Zacharias asked for a moment in Executive Session for specific personnel.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Durning stated that the website looked good, and was wondering if a link could be added to the Chamber website. Mayor Moore stated he believed the Chamber didn’t have a function website anymore.

Mr. Durning also wanted to thank Steve for all the work he does.

FINANCE

MOTION#235/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Hatch to approve for payment vouchers 32-51 in the amount of $46,010.16 on Abstract #8.

General Fund $ 28,745.86

Water Fund $ 8,663.09

Sewer Fund $ 14,817.87

 $ 52,226.82

 Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#236/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Hatch to approve for payment voucher 1-36 on Abstract #8 as listed:

General Fund $ 201,699.79

Water Fund $ 35,843.15

Sewer Fund $ 34,920.49

 $ 272,463.43

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#237/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Strauss to set a public hearing for the tax cap override for December 10, at 7PM. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#238/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Durning to move $1,980.15 from General Fund Fund Balance to pay for the pro-housing certification from Keystone Engineer. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#239/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Durning to move $4,450.00 from General Fund Fund Balance to pay for the Traffic Survey at Pine and Second Street from Keystone Engineer. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#240/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Durning to move $344.80 from the Bluestone wind Professional Fees Escrow to pay Keystone Engineer for work on the Road use agreement with Bluestone Wind. Motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION#241/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to approve sending BC delinquent taxes back to Broome County in the amount of $22,979.06. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#242/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to move $3,764.20 from FD Equipment reserves to pay for Delaware Engineer Grant writing. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#243/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Durning to close the Clerk Treasurer’s office for Christmas week with the employees using 2 days of their own time. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#244/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the Facilities Use agreement for Wilson Children’s center for December 14 from 9AM-3PM. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#245/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the Mayor’s signature on the BC Sheriff agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#246/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to approve the Events application for the Christmas Parade on November 29 from 5-7PM. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#247/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Durning to approve the Events application for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 30, at 6PM. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#248/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Strauss to allow the Mayor’s signature on the Boundary line agreement with tax map #349.17-7-4 Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#249/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to transfer $1000 from General Fun Fund Balance to purchase the property mentioned in the Boundary line agreement with tax map #349.17-7-4. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#250/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Durning to move $412.50 from the Bluestone wind Professional Fees Escrow to pay Coughlin and Gerhardt for work on the Road use agreement with Bluestone Wind. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#251/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Hatch to allow the Mayor’s signature on the EFC/EPG 130501 $50,000 grant with the Village having a $10,000 match, contract. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#252/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to approve payment to Keystone Engineer for CDBG 323CP137-23 draw #1 in the amount of $30,500. Motion passed unanimously.

CT Budine reminded everyone who was running that the first day to sign an independent nominating petition was December 16, 2024.

GUESTS

No guests spoke.

MOTION#253/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Strauss to go into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#254/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Durning to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#255/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Durning to accept the application of Angela Dailey Ewen for Fire Department Auxiliary. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#256/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine

Clerk Treasurer