REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUTEES ON DECEMBER 10, 2024 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT STREET, DEPOSIT NY AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryan Moore, Trustees Tyler Hatch, Jim Durning, Harry Warner and Dan Strauss, C/T Karen Budine, DC/T Bev Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans, CEO Pete Hathaway, 1st Assistant Chief Matt Dermitt, Mike Musante and Mr. Petrie.

Mayor Moore led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing for the tax cap override. CT Budine explained that passing the Local Law was just in case the budget exceeded the levy, it never does, but it’s hard to know until it’s settled and there are time constraints when we get so late in the budget season.

There was no public comment.

MOTION#257/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to close the Public Hearing at 7:04M. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed LOCAL LAW NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 2024

A local law to override the tax levy limit established

in General Municipal Law §3-c

 Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Deposit as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Deposit pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Village of Deposit to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 2. Authority.**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Village Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Village Board.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.**

The Village Board of the Village of Deposit, County of Broome is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the for the fiscal year commencing March 1, 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

 **Section 4. Remainder**

 Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Code of the Village of Deposit shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Separability**

 The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

**Section 6. Effective Date**

 This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Trustee Hatch Aye

Trustee Warner Aye

Trustee Strauss Aye

Trustee Durning Aye

Mayor Moore Aye

Motion to approve Local Law #3 passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing for the Village of Deposit 2025-26 budget. CT Budine explained that the General Fund budget saw increases in sales tax revenue to the Broome County side of the Village. There were also increases in Gross Receipts revenues. The increases in expenses include the normal increases in health insurance, wages and the cost of goods. The new contract with the Broome County Sherriff was increased by $16,220. The Village Board used $55,131 of shared service funds and General Fund Fund balance to offset the increase in taxes. The 2025-26 tax rates will be a Decrease of 7% or .75 cents/thousand on the Broome County side and an increase of 5.6% or $1.20/thousand on the Delaware County side. There may be hope of relief with a possibility of Delaware County sharing their sales tax revenue with the Towns and Villages like Broome County does or if there were interest from the public to make the whole Village Broome County. There are also hopes that interest earned from CD’s can offset future increases in taxes for both sides of the Village.

The water/sewer budgets saw increases in health insurance, wages and the cost of goods. The total increase to the sewer bill will be .52 per unit/quarter and the water bill increase will be .77 per unit per quarter with a total minimum water/sewer bill of $1.29/quarter.

CT Karen Budine thanked the Board for all their hard work on the proposed budget.

MOTION#258/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to close the Public Hearing at 7:08PM. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION #259/ 24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Durning to have a roll call vote was taken to approve the 2025-26 Village Budget as presented.

Trustee Strauss Aye

Trustee Warner Aye

Trustee Durning Aye

Trustee Hatch Aye

Mayor Moore Aye

The 2025-26 Budget passed unanimously.

MOTION#260/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Warner to waive the reading of the November 12, 2024 Regular Session. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#261/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Hatch and seconded by Trustee Warner to accept for filing the November 12, 2024 Regular Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#262/24-25

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

MOTION#263/24-25

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

MOTION#264/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Durning to accept for filing the October Planning Board minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

STREETS, WATER, SEWER

DPW Supervisor Evans thanked the DPW for the excellent work they did clearing the streets during the snow storm. He also wanted to thank the Crossing Guards for their dedication in all weather and in all situations.

Mr. Evans reported that the pump in well house #1 had to be pulled and now has to be replaced.

MOTION#265/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to move $37,950 from Water Reserves to the water fund to pay Layne for the pump and work done on well house #1. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Evans stated that the F550 is at Mathews for transmission repairs.

Mr. Evans attended a zoom meeting with FEMA and Homeland Security in regards to the gravel bar by the WWTP. He went on to say that the appropriate permits have been submitted for the removal of the gravel bar. However this project may need an Engineer’s plan, but that is yet to be determined.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1st Assistant Chief Matt Dermitt told the board that they were revamping things at the Fire Station and getting things changed around.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Strauss asked if the sign for Schaefers had been approved. He will speak to CEO Hathaway.

Trustee Warner thanked CT Budine for all her hard work on the2025-26 budgets. He also thanked Chief Zacharias for all his hard work with the Fire Department.

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

PRESIDENT

Mayor Moore stated that the Bank Stabilization project is on track and moving along. We might need a concept drawing done. He went on to say that JL Woidt will change their high water survey contract to cover this project for not extra charge. We may need to get some money for a final design, but we are hoping to keep the project simple.

Mayor Moore went on to thank the Fire Department and Eastern Broome for all their hard work, they have been really busy lately. , it is much appreciated.

Mr. Moore thanked the Chamber of Commerce for all their hard work and said the Christmas Parade was very nice.

Mayor Moore went on to report that the lawyer suggested that the Village survey the Delaware County side of the Village to see what the interest level was of having the whole Village become Broome County. We would have to hire a company to do this. Mr. Moore will reach out to the Village Attorney and get an idea on who could conduct the survey. He stated that the Delaware County Board of Supervisor’s were going to put sales tax revenue sharing amendment in their budget. Hopefully by the end of next month we will know where the Delaware County Board of Supervisors are at with this. This will help relieve some of the tax burden for the Delaware County side of the Village.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CEO Hathaway reported that we now have a court date in January for 23 Front Street. Two building permits were issued. Two letters have been sent one to 129 Front Street for blocking the sidewalk and other other to 80 Elm St for burning leaves and a camper issue.

Mr. Hathaway went on to say that we have a letter from the DEC that we are following the rules for flood plain code.

FINANCE

CT Budine stated that the Board still needs to appoint a Climate Smart Citizen Committee. We should have probably 6 people on this committee.

MOTION#266/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to approve for payment vouchers 37-50 in the amount of $62,578.06 on Abstract #9.

General Fund $ 33,135.11

Water Fund $ 11,308.97

Sewer Fund $ 18,133.98

 $ 62780.06

 Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#267/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Hatch to approve for payment voucher 1-31 on Abstract #10 as listed:

General Fund $ 30,076.54

Water Fund $ 10,128.15

Sewer Fund $ 13,852.36

 $ 54,057.05

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#268/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the election resolution for 2025-26.

ELECTION RESOLUTION

2025-2026

WHEREAS, the next Village General Election for the Officers of the Village of Deposit will be held on March 4, 2025 and

WHEREAS, no person shall be entitled to vote at any Village election whose name does not appear on the register of the election district in which he/she claims to be entitled to vote, and WHEREAS, it is the duty of the inspectors of election to prepare such register of qualified voters for the district which they are appointed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Registration Day at the Village of Deposit has been abolished and any voter who wishes to vote in the next Village Election, to be held on March 4, 2025, must register with their County Board of elections by February 21, 2025.
2. Voting for the forthcoming Village elections shall be conducted at Village Hall, 61 Front Street, Deposit, New York. Voting shall take place on March 4, 2025 between the hours of 12:00 noon until 9:00 PM.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion passed unanimously.

CT Budine stated that we received no bids for sludge hauling, advertisements will be placed in the Courier again in January to be opened at the February regular session.

Village of Deposit

Resolution to adopt 2024 Broome County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPOSIT ADOPTING THE 2024 BROOME COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.

WHEREAS the Village of Deposit recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Village of Deposit; and

WHEREAS the Village of Deposit has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the BC Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard mitigation plan update of 2024 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the Broome County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard mitigation plan update of 2024 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Village of Deposit from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Village of Deposit demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Broome County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard mitigation plan update of 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF DEPOSIT IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with NYS Village Law §7-722(2)(a)), the Village of Deposit adopts the Broome County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard mitigation plan update of 2024. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

ADOPTED by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining, this 10 day of November, 2024.

Trustee Strauss Aye

Trustee Durning Aye

Trustee Hatch Aye

Trustee Warner Aye

Mayor Moore Aye

MOTION#269/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the CT Budine’s request to be paid for 5 unused Personnel days and 5 Vacation days annually. Motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS

Mike Musante asked if there was anything the Board could do to help with the sale of 200 Front Street, he would be grateful. CEO Hathaway asked him to report if people were illegally entering the property.

MOTION#270/24-25

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Durning to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine

Clerk Treasurer