

February 29, 2016

Deputy Mayor Ianni opened the budget meeting at 6:31 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Deputy Mayor Ianni, Trustees McMartin-Eck and Graham. Trustee Lauer arrived at 6:38 pm. Mayor Bielec was absent.

Board members began reviewing the budget with brief discussion regarding potential Police expenditures. Deputy Mayor Ianni said that no decisions could be made until after their next meeting with the Union on March 10th.

Clerk presented copies of the proposed budget from Electrician Norm Waff. The Board ran through it line by line. It was pointed out that several of the items/projects would be designated to other departments such as Sewer or Police projects. The Board also eliminated a couple of requests from his proposal. Clerk brought up making sure enough hours are budgeted for his personal service as in the past two years the Board under-budgeted by quite a bit for his time. After brief discussion the Board agreed on an average of 8 hours per pay period for a potential of 200 hours for the year.

Clerk presented the Board with a comparison chart of salaries showing from zero increase in salaries to 1%, 2% and 3% increases for the Board to review. Clerk indicated it would assist her in coming up with bottom line if the Board would give an indication of their thoughts on salary rates. After brief discussion the Board chose to agree to a 2% increase in salaries for Maintenance, Court Clerks, Clerks and crossing guard. Salaries for other positions would remain the same, with the exception of the Police which is to be determined.

Clerk mentioned that due to the new ruling of not being able to use the voting machine, that an increase should be considered for the election inspectors as they will be spending more time due to having to count ballots. The Board agreed to a \$20 increase per inspector.

The Board agreed to leave the same amount in for Grant Writer budget. It was discussed to check on costs for Audit services, but to put in the amount from 2014-15 for the time being.

Trustee Graham presented an estimate from Jesse for redoing a portion of the Sewer Lab for utilizing as a Locker room for the Police Officers. The figures given will change the estimated amount previously submitted by Deputy Mayor Ianni considerably. There was also a brief discussion regarding uniform reimbursements, but that was tabled until union negotiations are completed.

Court Clerk Pam Thurber arrived at 7:18 pm. She presented the Board with a printout of suggested Court budget figures. She mentioned that the cost for interpreters has been increased due to an increase in the rising need for interpreters. She also mentioned the increased cost for postage, but did say she is checking with the State Comptroller regarding the need for mailing receipts on every ticket if they do not enclose a SASE as instructed in their paperwork.

She also mentioned she is checking with the State Comptroller to see if email would qualify as a legitimate receipt.

Clerk Thurber mentioned at present the annual Court Clerk training is scheduled for Lake Placid so she does not intend to put in for that session, but would like to keep \$750 in the budget for potential local training.

Brief conversation took place regarding ticket revenue and procedure. Court Clerk Thurber left the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Board resumed discussion of Police budget with regard to the need for a new police vehicle. Deputy Mayor Ianni brought up that the current SUV they are driving is not compliant with police package vehicles and should be replaced. The question arose if the Village needs 3 police vehicles. Three quotes were mentioned by Deputy Mayor Ianni which included an allowance for trade-in and state bid pricing. The Board agreed to leave the vehicle cost in for the time being until budget bottom line is closer to being determined.

The Board touched briefly on the Sewer budget. Clerk got confirmation from Trustee Graham on what permit fees to anticipate for revenue. Clerk mentioned now that we have a full year of data for the new Districts, she will work with Deputy Clerk Beal on getting an estimate of anticipated sewer rents. It was mentioned to consider the addition of the TA Truck Stop and the Fieldcrest development as potential additional sewer rent revenue for the coming Fiscal year, but since dates of development are unknown it is best to be conservative for the time being.

Clerk also mentioned she has emailed the accountant and bonding service to find out more information on setting up the benefit assessment for the balance of the Sewer Project that will need to be bonded so that can be included in the budget.

Deputy Mayor Ianni mentioned a potential change in his work schedule which may conflict with meeting nights. He said he should know more soon as the new schedule is to begin in May.

Clerk presented the Board with 2 invoices from Burnwell for propane for approval for payment due prior to the next bill pay meeting.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Ianni and seconded by Trustee Graham to approve the payment of the 2 Burnwell invoices presented due prior to the next bill pay meeting.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Dave Bielec				X
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Al Graham	X			

Trustee McMartin-Eck	X			
VOTE TOTAL	4			1
RESULTS	PASS			

Motion was made by Trustee McMartin-Eck and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ianni to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Dave Bielec				X
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Al Graham	X			
Trustee McMartin-Eck	X			
VOTE TOTAL	4			1
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Sandra Thomas
Clerk Treasurer