

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUTEES ON JANUARY 12, 2021 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT STREET, DEPOSIT NY AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Durning(via phone due to covid quarantine), Brown, Smith and Warner, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans and Fire Chief Shaun Rynearson.

Mayor Moore opened the public hearing on the General, Water and Sewer fund budgets at 7:01 PM. CT Budine stated that the General Fund Budget increase is .20 per thousand or 1%. Costs are kept down due to the anticipated shared services revenue. Increases are due to wages, health insurance and retirement.

Water Budget increase is \$1.92 per person per quarter. This increase is due to the total customer calculation in the formula being a lot higher than actual customers. Increases are due to wages, health insurance and retirement.

Sewer Budget increase is \$4.49 per person per quarter. The increase is due to the total customer calculation in the formula being a lot higher than actual customers. Customers not paying their bills so we had to borrow money from reserve to cover this short fall. And also wages, health insurance and retirement.

The total increase for water/sewer bill is \$6.41 per person per quarter for a minimum water/sewer bill. New minimum water/sewer bill will be 228.75 last year it was \$222.34.

The cost per thousand per 1000 gallons over 9000 is \$11.28 an increase of \$1.90.

Covid has been very hard on all government agencies and as a Village I think we have managed better than others.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2021/2022  
WATER, SEWER AND GENERAL FUNDS BUDGET

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Deposit, duly convened on January 12th, 2021, 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 other 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, 2021. 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 did meet at the Deposit Village Hall,61 Front Street in the Village on January 12, 2021 at 7 pm for a Public Hearing on the tentative 2021-2022 Budget. Said Public Hearing is recorded in the official minutes of the Village. THEREFORE the 2021-2022 Village Budget will be offered for adoption at the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Session as submitted.

Dated: January 12, 2021

Motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Smith with a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Brown            Aye

Trustee Durning      Aye  
Trustee Smith        Aye  
Trustee Warner       Aye  
Mayor Moore         Aye

The resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Moore opened the public hearing on LL#5 of 2020 proposed zoning changes at 7:05. CT Budine read the local law. Mayor Moore asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mayor Moore closed the public hearing at 7:09 PM.

#### MOTION#220/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Warner to waive the reading of the December 8, 2020 Regular Session and the December 28, 2020 Budget and Work Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### MOTION#221/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Smith to accept for filing of the December 8, 2020 Regular Session and the December 28, 2020 Budget and Work Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### MOTION#222/20-21

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

### STREETS

DPW Supervisor Evans told the board that there was a water leak that was fixed by a private contractor. This should help bring down water usage.

The DPW have completed the work on the shelving in the new records room.

Supervisor Evans wanted to thank Bruce Laudon and the Town of Deposit for all their help.

Mayor Moore stated that the vaccine will be available to DPW, Fire Department and EMS soon. He said he would like to give a recommendation that they get the vaccine and if you have a medical or religious exemption that you must wear a mask at all times. There will be strict adherence to this rule. Mr. Moore stated he would like this to become part of our covid policy.

#### MOTION#223/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Smith to add to our covid policy that employees who are eligible must get the covid 19 vaccine and those that have a medical or religious exemption must wear a mask at all times. No excuses. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore then spoke about flex time. Due to covid he felt that we should move all overtime to a flex time schedule. Meaning if you work the weekend you will take the equivalent time off during the work week making the worked weekend days rate of pay regular hours. He felt this should start in February and go month by month. Mayor Moore stated he would talk to the shop steward and Teamsters Local union rep about this.

#### MOTION#224/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Brown to have Scott Conklin and Luke Smith work the weekend rounds and then take a day off during the week for flex time, with the weekend hours being paid at regular time. Also there will be no unnecessary over time. Upon agreement of the union. Motion passed unanimously.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rynearson reported that January 18<sup>th</sup> will be the training day and then every other weekend after that.

MOTION#225/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Smith to declare Squad 22 surplus. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore stated that he gave everyone the Eastern Broome report. He said that things are going really well.

PRESIDENT

Mayor Moore wanted to remind everyone that Covid is real and to take it seriously. You don't want to be the reason someone catches it and dies. Please be careful.

Mr. Moore also stated that if you need an absentee ballot please call the office so that an application can be sent to you. You must fill out an application for an absentee ballot. You can list covid as an exemption for an absentee ballot. The election is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The last day to receive and give personal application for an absentee ballot is March 1<sup>st</sup>. We are trying to make accommodations to minimize exposure to covid with the possibility of a walk up window to vote at.

Mayor Moore stated that we have some big bills for winter storm Gail. We contracted out for emergency removal of the snow because of all the forecast rain. These expenses have been submitted to FEMA.

Mayor Moore informed the board that Ben Harding stated that everything is done in the police department except the destruction of 2 fire arms. He will do FOIL requests for no charge and anything that he can't handle will be forwarded to the Clerk Treasurer. CT Budine stated that she had received \$447 in unclaimed funds and had deposited in the police reserve fund.

MOTION#226/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Brown to rescind motion #139 that changed the name of the Deposit Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously.

In the budget the Fire and EMS expense lines will be combined into one.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Warner wanted to thank the Town of Deposit, Dan Axtell and Bruce Laudon for being there for us. Mayor Moore stated he would like a letter of thanks sent to them. Trustee Durning reminded everyone to stay safe.

FINANCE

MOTION#227/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve for payment the Abstract of Audited #9 vouchers as listed:

General Fund	\$ 61,631.89
Water Fund	\$ 2,393.32
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 6,126.66</u>
	\$70,151.87

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#228/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Warner to rescind LL#4 tax cap override. Motion passed unanimously.

CT Budine asked the Board about adding Juneteenth to the list of paid holidays. Mayor Moore stated that would have to be negotiated at the next union negotiation.

MOTION#228/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Smith to take \$500 from General fund fund balnce to pay the court clerk wages. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#230/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Warner to Ellen Ficurilli and MaryLou Fiagle as election inspectors at minimum wage.. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#231/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Warner to allow the Mayor's signature on the settlement agreement with Shumaker for the Front Street Streetscapes in the amount of \$37,210.15. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#232/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve the transfer of \$30,060 to pay for snow removal expenses from winter storm Gail. These expenses have been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. Motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS

There were no guests.

MOTION#233/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn at 7:37 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine  
Clerk Treasurer