



Mayor Moore explained that he has been talking to the Broome County Executive Jason Garner and the Broome County Sheriff Harder, trying to get the Village, police coverage. The BC Sheriff said that they can provide a Monday thru Friday day shift of 8 hours and 2 weekend shifts for \$60,000. He felt that we would have more coverage with less expense if we entered into an inter-municipal agreement with the Broome County Sheriff's department. This would be a designated Eastern Broome patrol. Mayor Moore stated that we would have to dissolve the Police Department in order to move forward with that. Attorney Beth Westfall stated that it would not be an actual vote on dissolution tonight, but a vote to have her office move forward with this process. She explained that a Permissive referendum would be to adopt a local law to dissolve the Village court and a local law to dissolve the Village police department. We would hold the public hearing and then the board would vote for or against, then residents would have 30 days to object, and then it would have to go to a vote if a petition was successful. On the other hand if the Board chose a Mandatory referendum it would go straight to a vote with no petition required, sometime in December. Trustee Ryneanson would like to see a scenario 9 with no court and the BC Sheriff cost included. Judge Lantz said we could wait a year to see what the work load would be due to the mandatory State laws. He stated that for now he would like to see the court remain part-time or maybe even less hours for the court clerk and no raise for himself. Judge Lantz felt that the court being open part-time was a courtesy we provide to those that use it and we are the only court around who are currently accessible on days other than court days. If we left the court it would have to remain until the end of the Judges term which would be another 4 years from March 2020. Judge Lantz stated that if the court wasn't working ie., sustaining itself, he would resign then the State would pay for a temporary Judge until we fired and paid for a Judge to fill out his term. CT Budine said that the court is not currently sustaining itself but running in a deficit. Mayor Moore said that in thinking about dissolving the police department it had nothing to do with Chief Flavell as he was doing a good job. Trustee Ryneanson stated that currently residents pay taxes for the two Town courts and that a tax increase for a courtesy service did not seem justifiable to him. Resident Dan Strauss stated that we already pay for the Sheriff in our town taxes. Trustee Ryneanson said that he felt we should have shared service agreements with other governments. Mayor Moore stated that we would receive a onetime payment of \$120,000 from the state for showing a shared services agreement. Mayor Moore stated that the court clerk need not work up to 29 hours per week. Judge Lantz stated that the Justices felt that the State was looking in the future to having district courts and eliminating the smaller courts. Mayor Moore stated that none of this was easy and all the board was doing was trying to keep taxes down while still providing services. Judge Lantz proposed eliminating the Court attendant position currently held by John O'Connor and have the court clerk wand everyone for dangerous items, to save on costs. Trustee Ryneanson stated that liability would go down without a Police Department. He also stated that at every budget meeting many scenarios were looked at to give the best service for the money, and it was important to explore all options.

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Motion was made by Trustee Ryneanson and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the budget meeting at 6:42PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Budine  
Clerk Treasurer