

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2010 AT  
7:00 P.M. AT THE DEPOSIT THEATER

PRESENT: President O'Connor, Trustees Sollecito, Warner and McKee, CT Decker, DCT Budine, DPW Hubbard, Chief Cantwell, Asst Fire Chief Ryneerson, EMS Captain Couse, Delaware County Planning Dept – Shelly Johnson, Willis Smith, Debbie Stever, Kim Dermit, Howie Couse, Georgiana Carson, Carole Gifford, Nick Barone, Sharon Wright, Paul Lantz, Jim Conklin, Wayne Raymond and Frank Dunshee

ABSENT: Trustee O'Connell

President O'Connor opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

O'Connor then turned the meeting over to Shelly Johnson of the Dela Cty Planning Dept. Ms. Johnson informed the board that after the summer 2006 flood Delaware County applied for and was awarded funds through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to purchase homes/property that were deemed substantially damaged. The buyout program purchased 21 parcels, one of which was located in the Village of Deposit at the former River St. Trailer Park. There are requirements that must be met by FEMA before the transfer of property can take place. Mayor O'Connor stated that there could be a potential problem with the possible sale of the home at the entrance to the park. He further stated that this potential buyer has stated that he will not allow the road into the park to be used should he purchase the property. There was some conversation that the potential buyer would allow a road to be relocated on his property to allow entrance to the park. In light of this development, the resolution was not acted on at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING  
2010-2011 General Fund Budget  
7:15 p.m.

President O'Connor opened the Public Hearing with a summary of the budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND 2010-2011 BUDGET  
SUMMARY

The general fund budget was decreased 6.7% this year. This year's budget is \$1,009,119.00 – last year's was \$1,081,576.50 – down \$72,457.50.

Broom Cty Tax Rate is \$9.32 per 1,000. Last year's rate was \$9.51 per 1,000 – a decrease of 2%

Dela Cty Tax Rate is \$16.38 per 1,000. Last year's rate was \$16.58 per 1,000 – a decrease of 1.2%

The board did not fill two positions – the acting justice, and the third full time Police Officer

There was one position eliminated.

The employees were given two more personal days and 3 more sick days. Personal days have to used and sick days can be rolled over to retirement.

**EXPENSES:**

COURT: Down 6% - wages and contractual

PD: Down 9.4% - OT, Special Investigations, training, uniforms, supplies, fuel

EMS: Down 19% - down \$20,000 in their reserve

TRANSPORTATION: Down 13% - contractual, wages and OT

HOME COMMUNITY SERVICES: down 25% - grants, contractual, wages and OT

Health Insurance went up 12% and Retirement went up 50%

#### **REVENUES:**

State Aid, CHIPS and Broome County Sales Tax Revenues remained the same for this year.

There were no comments from the trustees so President O'Connor opened the meeting to the public. Willis Smith asked what positions had been eliminated. O'Connor stated that the position of crew chief had been eliminated as well as not filling the positions of acting justice and the third full time police officer. Smith stated that he felt that the position of crew chief was a valued employee, top notch and he will be missed. He further stated that he would like the board to consider no increase in tax rate rather than a decrease. O'Connor stated that it was a difficult process and in light of water rate increases the general fund was especially difficult. Smith thanked the board for a good job. Wilber Dennis asked if part time people could be hired to replace the full time person – part time people don't require benefits. O'Connor stated no – the board has no intention of hiring more people at all. Sharon Wright asked what services will be cut. O'Connor stated that time would tell how this year's budget would play out – obviously less brush pick up etc. O'Connor stated all departments had cut back and we would know better how it is working at our six month review. Georgiana Carson then asked if the Court personal services could be cut more – Decker stated no that court personal services was the judge and court clerks wage – this line item had already been cut by the acting justice wages. Ms. Carson asked about the Clerk Treasurers personal services – was the public getting their money's worth. Decker stated they were. O'Connor stated that Ms. Shirkey's insurance expertise has saved the village thousands of dollars. Carson questioned the buildings personal services – Hubbard explained that budgets are as much anticipation as actual costs. Money had to be allotted in anticipation in some line items. Carson questioned the police insurance line of \$17,000. Decker explained that in our insurance break down from the companies that is what PD insurance will cost next year. Carson also questioned the ammo expenditure in the PD, radio repair and purchase in the EMS and COE contractual expense. Decker explained that this year's expenses were only thru October leaving November, December, January and February not recorded yet. The CEO expense was for ongoing training that the code officer must have. Carson finished by stating in her opinion more money should go to Hubbard's budget from the police budget. O'Connor urged all to attend local court to see what the PD does and how the court operates – Trustee Sollecito then read the monthly police report. O'Connor closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m. with the adoption of the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

#### ADOPTING ANNUAL VILLAGE OF DEPOSIT BUDGET

#### FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

WHEREAS, The Village of Deposit having, on February 9, 2010, commencing at 7:15 p.m. duly held a public hearing on the preliminary budget approved by this Board and filed with the Village Clerk for the fiscal year commencing March 1, 2010 including the fire protection budgets and having heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter,

and the matter of the budget for the Village for such fiscal year having been fully discussed and considered, it is

RESOLVED, that said preliminary budget, including the fire protection budget is hereby adopted and established as the annual budget for this Village for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2010, and that such annual budget as to be adopted is detailed in the minutes of the proceedings of this Village Board, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of this Village shall prepare and certify as provided by law, duplicate copies of said annual budget hereby adopted, and deliver one of such copies to the Mayor of the Village, and that he shall present such copy to the Village Board of Trustees as required by law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Mayor O'Connor	Aye
Trustee Sollecito	Aye
Trustee O'Connell	Nay
Trustee Warner	Aye
Trustee McKee	Aye
Ayes: 4	Nays: 1

The resolution was adopted.

#### MOTION#299/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee Sollecito seconded by Trustee Warner to waive the reading of the minutes from Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, Jan 12 Special, Jan 25 budget and Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Work Session minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### MOTION#300/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee Sollecito seconded by Trustee Warner to accept for filing the minutes from Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, Jan 12 Special, Jan 25 budget and Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Work Session minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### MOTION#301/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee Sollecito seconded by Trustee Warner to accept for filing the monthly police report. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no Fire Department monthly report.

#### MOTION#302/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee McKee seconded by Trustee Warner to accept for filing the monthly EMS report. The motion carried unanimously.

#### MOTION#303/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee Sollecito seconded by Trustee Warner to accept for filing the monthly Treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

#### MOTION#304/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee Sollecito seconded by Trustee Warner to accept for filing the monthly ZBA Minutes from January 13, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#305/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Sollecito to accept for filing the Planning Board minutes from December 9<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Streets:

PWA Hubbard stated that the DPW had completed 98 work orders for the Village and 24 for OLWWTP. Hubbard informed the board the status of Firemen's Park Road. At the last Firemen's Board meeting they unanimously voted to turn the road over to the Village. Hubbard obtained a tentative quote on paving the road to bring up to specs from Broome Bituminous in the amount of \$22,260.00. Attorney Westfall will set up a meeting with the Fire Dept and Hubbard in the near future to move forward. A question of the Fire Dept paying for surveying the property came up.

Hubbard informed the board that there will be a pre-construction meeting at the Village Hall for the Second St. Drain project on February 22, 2010.

WATER:

Hubbard informed the board that the board is looking into possibly selling water to the well drillers from well house #1 and #2. There are huge water reserves in these wells – with the village only using 200,000 gallons a day. The Village will be checking into selling water from wells and effluent water from the WWTP as well.

SEWER:

Hubbard informed the board that Scott Conklin finished his classes in Morrisville College for his class 3A license required by DEC. Mr. Conklin received a grade of 98 on his test in Morrisville. He now is studying for a NYS Final Exam for the license.

MOTION#306/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Sollecito to authorize Scott Conklin and Wayne Raymond to attend a DEC seminar on pump stations in Suffolk County at \$60.00 a piece on March 11, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

BUILDINGS:

MOTION#307/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee McKee seconded by Trustee Sollecito to authorize the DPW to install four air line drops in the fire dept at a cost of \$355.00 for the piping. The motion carried unanimously.

Hubbard informed the board that the Chief would like some remodeling done at the Police Station consisting of painting, spackling, moving desks and equipment around etc. This should take four or five days at the most. The board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

STREETS:

MOTION#308/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Sollecito to assist the Lumberjack Festival with the use of Borden St. property, closing Front St for the parade and permission to use Village parking lot for a car show providing the hold harmless agreement is signed. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPT:

MOTION#309/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee McKee seconded by Trustee Sollecito to allow the Fire Dept command vehicle and car be taken to Greenport from Friday until Sunday. The motion carried unanimously.

EMS:

MOTION#310/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee Sollecito seconded by Trustee McKee to authorize 15 EMT's to attend EMS Trauma Teaching Day in Binghamton at \$975.00 on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and to attend the 2010 Pulse Check Conference in September in Albany at a cost of \$360.00. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT:

President O'Connor charged EMS Captain Anne Couse with weeding out those on the squad that do not participate in training/responding. No Slackers Allowed! If an EMT has not signed the roster to respond and has not attended mandatory training classes then they should come off the active list. He continued that she would have Board support in this endeavor.

TRUSTEES:

Trustee McKee stated that he had received quotes for the installation of fans in the Fire Dept to alleviate a problem of condensation. McKee further stated that he would like to table these quotes for now to see if the new roof insulation has solved the problem. All agreed.

President O'Connor made an announcement that the new preliminary FEMA maps were at the Village Hall and all interested should stop and see the status of their property on the new map. He further stated there will be a formal community coordination meeting in the future – any questions will be addressed at that time.

President O'Connor informed the board that he had attended a Highway Consolidation meeting with Amy Kenyon and the two towns to review the draft report from LaBerge Group. He further stated that they discovered consolidation would not necessarily save the Village money especially in light of eliminating employees that the towns might turn around and hire. The study also incorporated the water and sewer funds – this was not welcomed by anyone as the Village takes care of the TOS sewer now.

FINANCE:

MOTION#311/09-10

A motion was made by Trustee Warner seconded by Trustee Sollecito to authorize the mayor's signature on the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 78,398.80
Water Fund	\$ 7,825.06
Sewer Fund	\$ 18,593.43
T&A	\$ 1,614.80
WWTP:	\$ 36,225.80

The motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS:

Wilber Dennis asked if a weight limit on the roads would be an option for the gas drillers. He stated Hancock turned away the haulers because of the possible damage to

their roads. O'Connor stated that yes we would have to have something in place for the maintenance of the Village streets before we could allow access.

Dennis then stated that the water loop project at the top of Ford Hill would cause all the water to runoff the hill and make the drainage problem even worse at the bottom of the hill. He stated drainage needed to be addressed before a water loop was installed.

Nick Barone and Carole Gifford from the Chamber of Commerce informed the board that they had partnered with Becky Hochuli at the elementary school to get the children involved in a community project. The chamber will purchase large flower pots and the soil for the school kids to plant flowers if they can place them at random on the Village streets.

MOTION#312/09-10

Motion was made by Trustee McKee seconded by Trustee Warner giving the Chamber and the school their blessing with the placing of flower pots throughout the Village. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: