

WORK SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 AT THE DEPOSIT THEATER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: President O'Connor, Trustees Ron O'Connell, Harry Warner and Kevin McKee, CT Cheryl Decker, DCT Karen Budine, PWA Hubbard, CEO Barry Conklin, Attorney Bob McKertich, EMS Captain Anne Couse, Howie Couse, Sharon Wright and Wendy Hartman

ABSENT: Dan Strauss

PUBLIC HEARING
CABLE FRANCHISE TAX

7:19 p.m.

C/T Decker stated that we are required by municipal law to have a franchise agreement with Adam's Cable. The board discussed with Wendy Hartman from Adam's cable the possibility of a 3% fee on just the basic and extended basic packages, which would equate to approximately \$1.45 per customer per month. Ms. Hartman stated that of course this fee would be passed on to the customer.

The Mayor opened the PH to the board as follows: Trustee McKee stated that that would be Adam's Cable's choice and that they didn't have to pass it on to the customer. Mayor O'Connor stated that the fee could be put in a line item in the budget for tree removal. It was discussed that if Adam's Cable were charged the Franchise Tax that they might be eligible for the 626 Real Property Tax Rule or credit. Trustee McKee stated that though it was available to Adam's Cable, they did not have to take it. The board discussed not offering Adam's a credit for property tax. The taxes Adams Cable pays are approximately \$1,500 annually and this is what could be waived in a final agreement. If the Real Property Tax credit was applied and the board authorized a 3% fee on basic and expanded basic revenue of approximately \$5,900 would be realized. The board discussed the term of the contract with future boards in mind. Barry Conklin stated he was not in favor of the Franchise tax and reminded the board you could have a contract but not impose a fee.

The Mayor opened the PH to the public as follows: Sharon Wright asked why charge just basic and expanded basic the fee? Ms. Hartman explained that was standard practice. Ms. Wright also asked if a flat fee across the board would be a better way to charge. Ms. Hartman and CT Decker stated that using a percentage of revenues from the cable company is how the municipal law was written.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:55

CEO Conklin spoke to the board and wanted to remind everyone that when installing in the home stoves, a permit was still needed.

MOTION#151/11-12

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee McKee to accept the Code Enforcement officer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#152/11-12

Motion was made by Trustee McKee and seconded by Trustee O'Connell to accept the EMS monthly report. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#153/11-12

Motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee O'Connell to accept the Planning Board/ZBA joint meeting July 13, 2011 and September 14, 2011 Planning Department minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

STREETS

PWA Hubbard stated that the last brush pick up will be on October 3rd. After that date, leaves should be raked to the curb, for pick up.

Mr. Hubbard filled everyone in on the status of Oquaga creek. After the last 2 storms the creek has many gravel bars and trees blocking the natural flow of the water. Mr. Hubbard spoke with Dick Marks from Broome County. Mr. Marks stated he would send engineers down to look at the Oquaga creek bridge, as the gravel bar under it, only gives a clearance of five feet. Mr. Hubbard is very concerned that if the gravel bars and trees are not taken care of soon, it could be a problem if we have another rain event. Further the County is applying for a National Emergency grant which would provide the manpower and provide the permits to remove these gravel bars thereby eliminating the village coffers paying for this project.

WATER

No old business

SEWER

Brad stated that the flows at the sewer plant are getting back to normal. Mr. Hubbard did inform the board that the pump station at Mill Street is down. The controls are shot and it has to be pumped by hand.

MOTION#154/11-12

Mr. Hubbard gave the board the quotes to have the fence around the sewer plant re-installed.

Arrow Fence \$6989

Winans' Fence \$4895

Budget-no quote

Trustee McKee made a motion and Trustee Warner seconded to award the bid to Winans' Fence for \$4895. Motion passed.

BUILDINGS

No old business

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Mayor asked if the Chief was still looking for some small generators.

EMERGENCY SQUAD

Captain Couse informed the board that 7521, was back in service, the warranty work has been done.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

No old business

PRESIDENT

No old business

TRUSTEES

No old business

FINANCE

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

STREETS

No new business

WATER

Mr. Hubbard told the board that the second read all, for reading the water meters, is acting up. We have exceeded the useful life of the system, it was 7 year and we have had it for 10. Now is the time to seek pricing for a new water meter system. The Mayor

gave permission for CT Decker to check out possible financing for a new system, as the prices range from \$108,250 to \$133,135.00.

SEWER

No new business

BUILDINGS

No new business

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bob McKertich from Coughlin and Gerhardt read the proposal from Standard Insulation and offered the board options to deal with the fire department roof issue. Mr. McKertich suggested that the board authorize him to issue an Order to perform the repair work as proposed and apply for payment afterwards, at which time the board can make compensation or not. So the process would be Order repairs, Order for compensation and Order to have the engineers present when work was done. The board asked if they would use the same product. Mr. McKertich stated that a new one would be used in the peak of the roof and the old one would be used in the other areas. After discussion the board decided to let the attorney go ahead with the process and give Standard 7-10 days to do the work, with a response from Standard due October 3rd and repaired by October 12th and the following motion was offered

MOTION#155/11-12

Motion was made by Trustee McKee and seconded by Trustee O'Connell to authorize the attorney to order the work completed by a designated date; to reject the current compensation stated by Standard Insulating Co. in the amount of \$ 5,765.00; and to have Shumaker Engineers present when the work is done. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Rynearson stated that Brush 22 is out of service, the tank has separated.

EMERGENCY SQUAD

Captain Couse informed everyone that flu shots would be offered to the fire department and Village employees on October 27th at 5:30-6:30 at the fire station.

Captain Couse is also setting up a CPR and Blood borne pathogens course, dates to be determined.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESIDENT

MOTION#156/11-12

Motion was made by Trustee O'Connell and seconded Trustee Warner to accept the annual Theatre rental contract in the amount of \$1800.00. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#157/11-12

Motion was made by Trustee McKee and seconded by Trustee O'Connell to pay Deposit Well Drilling the balance due of \$8500.00 from Water Fund, fund balance. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#158/11-12

Motion was made by Trustee McKee and seconded Trustee O'Connell to take \$669.88 from General Fund, fund balance to pay for the In memory of fallen members plaque for the fire department. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#159/11-12

Motion was made by Trustee O'Connell and seconded by Trustee Warner to accept the Fire Department budget of \$121,841.00. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#160/11-12

Motion was made by Trustee McKee and seconded by Trustee O'Connell to accept the EMS budget of \$90,569.00. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#161/11-12

Motion was made by Trustee McKee and seconded by Trustee O'Connell to accept the Pool budget of \$30,750.00. Motion passed unanimously.

TRUSTEES

No new business

FINANCE

No new business

MOTION#162/11-12

Motion was made by Trustee McKee and seconded by Trustee O'Connell to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted