WORK SESSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2015 AT THE DEPOSIT THEATER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor O’Connor, Trustees Mott, Hathaway, O’Connell, and Strauss, C/T Decker, DC/T Budine, Police Chief Cantwell, Assist Fire Chief Chris Zacharias, Wayne Raymond, Beth Westfall Esq., Debbie Stever, Jim Conklin, Lynn O’Connor, Colleen O’Connor, Scott Payne; Walton reporter, Paul Lantz, Carl Egner, Ed Katen, RD Rynearson, Bryan Moore, and Barry Conklin

ABSENT: Fire Chief Rynearson

Mayor O’Connor opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION#328/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee O’Connell to accept the Code Enforcement Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#329/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee O’Connell seconded by Trustee Mott to accept for filing the January 2015 Police Dept. report. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

STREETS

Wayne Raymond stated the PESH violations had been closed out with 100% corrections. He stated that the training manuals and such needed to be updated but would be completed shortly.

Raymond asked if the one way plow and eight tires could be deemed surplus equipment. Once deemed surplus he would like the equipment to be donated to Scott Township. The board took no action at this time.

Raymond stated it is becoming impossible to get salt at the moment. He further stated that he and the TOS Highway Superintendent were putting together a backup plan. Trustee Mott asked how long what we had would last and Raymond said probably until the end of March.

Raymond wanted to thank the Town of Deposit for helping out when both salt spreaders were down and for pushing back the snow on Leonard Way.

The top kick is still at Frank’s garage for repairs. Raymond stated he is still working on some truck options.

Raymond wanted to thank Wheelers Excavating and Larry Williams from NYSEG and Shaun Rynearson for assistance with a broken water service on Second St. in the frigid temps. Raymond further commented that there had been several issues with freezing water services and urged residents to check their pipes.

Raymond stated there had been a major leak on account #0612 and that 210,000 gallons has gone through the meter. The homeowner will have to make repairs as soon as possible.

Mr. Raymond stated that Front St. would be cleaned tonight.

WATER

SEWER

BUILDINGS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY SQUAD  
Assist Fire Chief Zacharias informed the board that the PESH inspection was done and the Health part of it will be concluded next week. He also stated that the EMS Certification for the agency was complete and sent to Albany.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Cantwell informed the board that officers had been checking the Wastewater Treatment Plant when they became stuck in the snow on the road and ripped a bumper off the Crown Vic. The front bumper has since been repaired.

PRESIDENT

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Assist Fire Chief Zacharias informed the board that ordered equipment was on its way – the skid unit is in Elmira at the moment and turn out gear should be here tomorrow. Chief Zacharias reminded residents when parking on the streets to allow room for emergency vehicles.

EMERGENCY SQUAD

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESIDENT

MOTION#330/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO**

**NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)**

**AND NATIONAL ENVIRNOMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)**

**DECLARING INTENT TO BE LEAD AGANCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Deposit (“the Village”) has received a New York State Office of Community Renewal Small Cities Community Development Block grant (“CDBG”) for improvements and upgrades to the Front St. Streetscape Project (“the Project”): and

**WHEREAS**, that the Project, including the receipt of the CDBG, is a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to the Nation Environmental Policy (“NEPA”) regulations at 24 CFR 58.35(A)(1); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deposit hereby designates the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Cheryl R. Decker, as the Certifying Officer for purposes of NEPA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deposit shall cause a NEPA Checklist and all other required NEPA forms to be completed and submitted to the New York State Office of Community Renewal; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Project, including the receipt of the CDBG, is an Unlisted Action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617.2 (ak); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Deposit hereby declares it intent to serve as lead agency for SEQRA review and notification of lead agency status will be provided to all involved agencies.

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to adopt the above Resolution with a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Mott Aye

Trustee Hathaway Aye

Trustee O’Connell Aye

Trustee Strauss Aye

Mayor John O’Connor Aye

Dated February 24, 2015

MOTION#331/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee O’Connell to support the Fair Share 2015 letter from the Delaware Watershed Coalition. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#332/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway that authorizes the Mayor’s signature on the Settlement Agreement with the DRBC. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#333/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee O’Connell to award the sludge hauling bids to Ed Katen in the amount of $6999.84 for three years (2015-2018). All necessary paperwork was provided. Trustee Mott wanted clarification on the amount of loads per month. Loads per month were not part of the specs required and Mr. Katen stated that his truck was large and should not require more than a few loads but he would do what was needed. Trustee Mott opposed the low bidder and Trustee Hathaway, Strauss, O’Connell and the Mayor voted aye.

Mayor O’Connor started that the VFW was interested in moving the monument from Fourth St. to the Village Park. Mrs. Cox is working on this.

Mayor O’Connor thanked the trustees and all the employees for all the cooperation in his 12 years of service.

Ron O’Connell thanked Mayor O’Connor for 12 long years of public service and he wished John and Lynn a very happy retirement. Trustee Strauss thanked John for his service.

TRUSTEES

FINANCE

MOTION#334/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Hathaway to authorize the Mayor’s signature on the Abstract of Audited Vouchers as follows:

General Fund $ 104,536.97

Water Fund $ 11,542.92

Sewer Fund $ 25,436.88

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#335/14-15

A motion as made by Trustee O’Connell seconded by Trustee Hathaway to enter into executive session to discuss a litigated matter and employment. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#336/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee Strauss to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#337/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee O’Connell to authorize Wayne Raymond to receive a temporary stipend of $500 for the month of March 2015 for additional administrative duties. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#338/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Mott to authorize the signatures of the Mayor and the Planning Board Chair on the settlement agreement with Center of Deposit et al and included is the waiver of water and sewer rents due as of January 8, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#339/14-15

A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee Strauss to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: