

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE DEPOSIT THEATER

PRESENT: Mayor O'Connor, Trustees O'Connell, Hathaway, Strauss and Mott, CT Decker, DCT Budine, Paul Lantz, Debbie Stever, Caitlin Stevens, Melissa Bishop, Ann Schambach, Mary O'Connell, Cathy Myrick, Mike Musante and Chief Cantwell

ABSENT: DPW Hubbard, Chief Rynearson, Captain Couse

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

PUBLIC HEARING  
Real Property Tax Cap  
LOCAL LAW #1 Of 2014  
7:00 p.m.

Mayor O'Connor opened the PH at 7:00 p.m. with an explanation of the Tax Cap Local Law. The Local Law allows the Village to adopt a budget for the upcoming fiscal year commencing March 1, 2014 to exceed the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law 3-c. A local law must be passed to override the tax cap. O'Connor opened the meeting to public comments. Melissa Bishop asked if the tax cap law was merely a formality on the Governor's part as there was an override mechanism in place. O'Connor felt it was more hype than the good it might do. CT Decker felt it made the boards look more carefully at their budgets and try harder to keep taxes down. Ms. Bishop also asked if the snow removal budget was exhausted. C/T Decker stated it was not. The Mayor then asked the board members for comments. There being none the PH was closed at 7:10 p.m. and the following resolution adopted effective immediately.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2014**

**WHEREAS**, a resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Deposit for a public hearing to be held by said Board at the State Theatre, Front Street, Deposit, New York at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, to hear all interested parties on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2014, entitled "A Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c"; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Deposit Courier, the official newspaper of the Village and posted on the Village Clerk's sign board and the Village's website; and

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was duly held at the State Theatre on January 14, 2014, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Deposit, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village to adopt said Local Law No. 1 of 2014,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Deposit hereby adopts said Local Law as Local Law No. 1 for 2014 and the Village Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Village of Deposit, and to file said Local Law with the Secretary of State.

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

Ayes: 5      Nays:0

Trustee Hathaway voting aye  
Trustee Mott voting aye  
Trustee O'Connell voting aye  
Trustee Strauss voting aye  
  
Mayor O'Connor voting aye

PUBLIC HEARING  
WATER PROPOSED 2014/2015 BUDGETS  
7:10 P.M.

Mayor O'Connor opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. C/T Decker gave a summary of the proposed 2014-2015 water rates as follows: The water budget went up overall 2.1%. The monthly water bill at minimum usage went down 50 cents and the cost per 1,000 went up 54 cents. The cost per 1,000 is generated by all gallons used each year and the rest of the bill is the operation and maintenance and debt divided by customers. The Mayor asked for public comments. There were none. The Mayor asked for comments from the trustees. There were none. The Mayor closed the PH at 7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING  
SEWER PROPOSED 2014/2015 BUDGETS  
7:15 P.M.

Mayor O'Connor opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. C/T Decker gave a summary of the proposed 2014-2015 sewer rates as follows: The sewer budget went down 8.9% mainly because the old sewer debt had been paid off in December 2013. The breakdown was the debt obviously was decreased by the old debt being paid off by \$5.75 per quarter per unit and the operation and maintenance went up \$2.50 with an overall decrease of \$3.25 or 2.2%. Mayor O'Connor asked if there was any public comment. There were none. Mayor O'Connor asked if the trustees had any comments. They had none. The public hearing as closed at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION#290/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee Strauss to adopt the proposed 2014-2015 water and sewer budgets as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#291/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Hathaway to waive the reading of the December 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Session and the December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#292/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Mott to accept for filing the December 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Session and the December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#293/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee Mott to accept for filing the monthly Police Report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#294/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Hathaway to accept for filing the November and December Fire Dept reports. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#295/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to accept for filing the monthly Treasurers report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#296/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to accept the monthly Court Report for filing. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#297/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to accept the Planning Board minutes of December 11, 2013 for filing. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

STREETS

WATER

SEWER

BUILDINGS

Mayor O'Connor stated that the DPW had done an emergency repair of the Ford Hill storm drain recently. The work orders for the Village and Oquaga Lake WWTP were submitted.

MOTION#298/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to accept the list of training classes required to hold various licenses by the DPW submitted for the upcoming 2014-2015 fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

None

EMERGENCY SQUAD

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Cantwell informed the board that the Village's two police cadets received top honors at the graduation ceremony. Josh Williamson received the Aldo Rossi award and Jon O'Connor received the Rick Parisian award. Both had excellent attendance records. Further the chief wanted clarification on the wages schedule for the cadets. It was his understanding that once certified the wage increased to \$15 an hour. Trustee Strauss and Hathaway remembered the board giving an increase to \$15 after a year of employment. Trustee Mott asked if the cadets were on a probationary status. Cantwell said they were. There was much discussion on what the wages should be and about retaining the individuals we sponsor.

MOTION#299/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee O'Connor to pay the cadets \$15.00 an hour effective immediately. The motion was opposed by Trustee Strauss and Hathaway. Mayor O'Connor voted aye as the tie breaker.

PRESIDENT

None

TRUSTEES

Trustee Mott wanted clarification on the meal stipend that various department heads receive from time to time. It states in the personnel policy that \$30 will be given when in fact \$5 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$15.00 for dinner is allotted totaling \$30 depending on what time classes are attended. The board tabled this for further discussion while we ask what other Villages do.

FINANCE

None

NEW BUSINESS

STREETS

None

WATER

None

SEWER

None

BUILDINGS

None

FIRE DEPARTMENT

None

EMERGENCY SQUAD

Captain Couse submitted the training classes for 2014-2015 and there was some discussion on the Centre Learning on line classes replaced some of the hands on classes. This was tabled for the next meeting for more clarification.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Cantwell asked for the Mayor’s signature on a letter of appreciation to the Endicott Bomb Squad for their response to two requests by the Village of Deposit. The board all agreed a letter should be sent.

PRESIDENT

None

TRUSTEES

Trustee Mott informed the Mayor that the Chamber would like to extend the invitation for the January 25<sup>th</sup> annual banquet. Further he stated that the Chamber is organizing the 5K run and possibly a job fair.

FINANCE

MOTION#300/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee O’Connell to authorize the CT to move \$871.35 from general fund fund balance to A3120.43 for vehicle repairs in the Police budget. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#301/13-14

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:	\$40,010.45
WATER FUND:	\$20,492.57
SEWER FUND:	\$57,123.33
T&A:	\$ 2,854.86

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION#302/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee O’Connell to approve the 2014-2015 EDRLF proposed budget with corrections on the formulas if needed. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION# 303/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee O’Connell seconded by Trustee Strauss to authorize the Mayor’s signature on the annual Delaware County Planning Contract for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$3,500 split between planning and zoning in the budget. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Hathaway to adopt the following resolution for the Joint Tax Sale With Delaware County as follows:

RESOLUTION  
 JOINT SALE OF TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTIES  
 By Village of Deposit  
 And County of Delaware

WHEREAS the County of Delaware has proceeded to foreclose on the following properties in the Village of Deposit; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Village and the County of Delaware to work together to protect the Village tax lien;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Delaware sell the interest of both municipalities, the proceeds from said sale shall be divided in proportion to the taxes owed each entity for the years 2012 and 2013. Each parcel to be treated individually as follows:

349.13-4-10	Conklin, Robert	\$2062.12
349.13-5-13	Elgouhary, Patricia	\$1944.51
349.17-1-10	Finch, Kurt & Tammy	\$1918.29
349.13-4-7	Nekrasov Family Trust	\$2909.49
349.17-7-6	Pray to the Lord Foundation	\$6216.98
349.17-7-7	Pray to the Lord Foundation	\$1451.85
349.17-3-13	Video Village	\$3022.57
Trustee Mott	Aye	
Trustee Strauss	Aye	
Trustee Hathaway	Aye	
Trustee O'Connell	Aye	
Mayor O'Connor	Aye	

The motion carried unanimously.

#### MOTION#304/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee O'Connell to authorize the clerk treasurer to make the attached budget amendments as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

CT Decker asked for the next budget meeting to be January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

#### GUESTS

Melissa Bishop stated that she was a fan of public servants and was very grateful for our local the police department and should the Chief ask for wages to compensate his officers she thinks the board should not squabble over a few dollars. Ms. Bishop then asked about the most recent grant the Village received and the time line for that. O'Connor stated that he hoped not until the fall but there was no timeline to date.

Sharon Wright asked if the snow could be removed from Front St. that it was very difficult to get out of your car on the passenger side.

Debbie Stever thanked the board for the invitation to the Police Academe Graduation. She stated it was a very nice ceremony. She stated we should be very proud of our cadets with outstanding attendance and awards.

#### MOTION#305/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Hathaway seconded by Trustee Strauss to enter into and out of executive session to discuss specific personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

#### MOTION#306/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Hathaway to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m. Fire Chief Rynearson arrived and apologized for being very late and a meeting was called to order with Mayor O'Connor, Trustee O'Connell and Trustee Strauss in attendance.

#### MOTION#307/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee O'Connell to enter into executive session to discuss specific personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

#### MOTION#308/13-14

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

#### MOTION#309/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connell seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the Fire Dept Jr. application by Chantell Baker and the Fire Dept application of Frank Patrone as Firefighter and the EMS application of Kari Raymond. The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion ensued with Chief Ryneerson on the large quantity of vehicle equipment soap/wash purchased for over \$4,000. It was decided to have the Fire Chief return the soap/wash.

MOTION#310/13-14

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss seconded by Trustee O'Connell to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted: