

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPOSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: President Hayes, Trustees Maasch, Place and Smith, C/T Hungerford, DCT Decker, Tony Smith, Skip Decker, Pat Brown, Harold Stanton, Ann Stanton, Mr. & Mrs. Diello, Mary Cable, Barb Buttacavolli, Kermit Mott, Mary Jane Bosket, Randy Hartz, Craig Conklin, Bertha Jensen, Sharon Wright, Stacey Axtell, Mike D'Agati, Deb Stever, Jim Conklin, Marg Cook, Troy Proffitt and John O'Connor.

President Ron Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

President Hayes invited Kermit Mott to speak. Mr. Mott asked if there would be an increase in the water and sewer rates. Then Mr. Mott asked at what point would the water and sewer be self-supporting? Ms. Hungerford stated that all funds are self-supporting at this time.

Barb Buttacavolli gave the board an update on the Neighborhood Watch program. She stated that they had two new graduates, with a new class starting in March. Ms. Buttacavolli informed the board that the Johnson City website has included Deposit in their listing. Ms. Buttacavolli mentioned that Neighborhood Watch would be sponsoring a family night, sometime in August.

Bertha Jensen spoke to the board, stating that a lifeline between the Police Department and the elderly should be implemented.

MOTION #404-03/04

Trustee Smith made a motion to accept the Fire Department monthly and annual report. Trustee Maasch seconded, motion carried.

MOTION #405/03-04

Trustee Smith made a motion to accept the Emergency Squad monthly and annual report. Trustee Maasch seconded, motion carried.

MOTION #406-03/04

Trustee Smith made a motion to accept the Clerk Treasurer's report. Trustee Maasch seconded, motion carried.

MOTION #407-03/04

On a motion by Trustee Maasch, the board voted to waive the reading of the December 4th, 9th, 16th and 23rd minutes. Seconded by Trustee Place. Motion passed.

MOTION #408/03-04

On a motion by Trustee Maasch, the board voted to approve the minutes of the December 4th, 9th, 16th and the 23rd. Trustee Smith seconded, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

STREETS

Administrator of Public Works, Brad Hubbard, stated that the Village crew did 76 work orders for the month.

Mr. Hubbard stated that the Public Works Dept., bought a 9hp Honda Trash pump, as the ones we had were old and parts couldn't be found for them. The pump was purchased for \$1500.00, from Graingers.

Mr. Hubbard stated that the 1988 1 ton truck that was taken to Proffitt's garage, was towed back to the village garage as one of the crew had a transmission that

would fit it. The Village crew is now in the process of installing the new transmission, in an effort to save money.

MOTION #409-003/04

Mr. Hubbard told the board that the tool budget A5110.2 was budgeted \$3,000 and had balance of \$1528 left in it. Mr. Hubbard stated that the tools the village owned needed replacement and handed out estimates from RAK Industries. These tools had lifetime warranties. Mayor Hayes asked for a motion to accept RAK, Trustee Maasch made a motion and Trustee Place seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hubbard stated that the ten tractor trailer loads of cinders had been delivered.

MOTION #410/03-04

Brad stated that it is now required for any Supervisor of employees with CDL's, to take a class in drug abuse recognition. This class will be held on January 30th at 10 am in Delhi, at a cost of \$15.00. On a motion made by Trustee Maasch and a second by Trustee Smith, the motion passed unanimously for Brad to attend.

MOTION #411/03-04

On a motion from Trustee Maasch and a second from Trustee Place, the board approved the purchase of 4 tires for the 1999 4x4, at a cost of \$84.46 with a \$10.50 mount and balance fee.

WATER

MOTION #412/03-04

Mr. Hubbard stated that well house #4 has a problem with running 24/7, and is in dire need of a pressure switch. Also, well house #2, needs a check valve. The pressure switch will only cost \$36.00 but we will need to hire an electrician to install it in pump house #4. The check valve in well house #2 will cost 3,975.00. This could be done in the middle of February. On a motion from Trustee Smith and a second from Trustee Place, the board approved the work. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Smith raised concern that there was excess money in the budget, when at the six month budget meeting things looked even. He was concerned that with a surplus how we could justify a raise in water and sewer rates. Clerk/Treasurer Hungerford explained that expenses were projected and some needs did not meet the projections. Clerk/Treasurer offered to sit down and compare the numbers. Trustee Smith expressed his embarrassment. President Hayes stated that he was not quite in agreement with Trustee Smith. Hayes said, at the six month mark we had a good review, as we come close to the end of the year we have some lines that don't get expended. We had emergencies in water this year that took considerable amounts of our resources and we are looking now at seeing if we can divert some of the future emergencies.

Trustee Smith said it was not his intention to block the purchase, he just didn't understand where the funds would be obtained.

SEWER

Mr. Hubbard told the board that he and the sewer plant operator Scott Conklin had been working with the Stearns and Wheeler Project Manager Bruce Munn with data collection for the sewer plant project. Mr. Hubbard also told the board that the dirt pile at the fire hall should be completely removed with in the following week if the weather permits.

STREETS

Clerk-Treasurer Hungerford told the board that four different local garages had submitted bids for the Village DPW vehicle repair work. She indicated that all the bids were pretty close. Ms. Hungerford indicated that Mr. Hubbard would call the garages to clear up a few questions and then the bids would be presented to the board.

Ms. Hungerford informed the board that six engineers had responded to the RFP's for the Elm Street block grant project. She indicated that the bids were in the \$25,000 - \$43,000 range. She explained that the committee would review the bids and narrow the choices to two or three firms for the board to review.

At 7:30 pm the public hearing on the fire contracts with the Towns of Sanford and Deposit, as well as Scott Township was opened. There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed.

FIRE DEPT

MOTION #413/03-04

On a motion from Trustee Smith and a second from Trustee Place the board voted to approve the newly elected officers of the fire department. New Fire Chief Craig Conklin addressed the board, promising to give them monthly reports that would contain more detail, such as mileage, fuel consumption and man hours.

MOTION #414-03/04

On a motion from Trustee Smith and a second from Trustee Place the board approved repairs to be made to the fire department 22-3 tanker truck. The new motor will be approximately \$7000. Motion passed.

FINANCE

MOTION #415/03-04

On a motion from Trustee Smith and a second from Trustee Place the board voted to approve the annual fire contracts with the Town of Deposit, Town of Sanford and Scott Township. Motion passed.

MOTION #416/03-04

On a motion from Trustee Smith and a second from Trustee Maasch, the board adopted the following Election/Polling Place resolution.

Whereas, the next Village General Election for the officers of the Village of Deposit will be held on March 2, 2004 and

Whereas, no person shall be entitled to vote at any Village election whose name does not appear on the register of the election district in which he/she claims to be entitled to vote, and

Whereas, it is the duty of the inspectors of election to prepare such register of qualified voters for the district which they are appointed,

Now there fore be it resolved:

1. Registration Day at the Village of Deposit has been abolished and any voter who wishes to vote in the next Village Election, to be held on March 2, 2004, must register with their County Board of Elections by February 20, 2004.
2. Voting for the forthcoming Village elections shall be conducted at the Sanford Town Hall, 91 Second Street Deposit, New York. Voting shall take place on March 2, 2004 between the hours of 12:00 o'clock noon until 9:00 p.m.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION #417-03/04

With a motion from Trustee Smith and a second from Trustee Place, the board voted to give support to the Lumberjack committee as requested, during this summers festival. Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION #418/03-04

On a motion from Trustee Smith and a second from Trustee Maasch, the board voted to approve the attached tax stipulation agreement resolution with Delaware County for six properties. Motion carried.

MOTION #419/03-04

The budget amendments for transferring of funds to accounts that are overspent from accounts with funds available, were approved as attached with a motion from Trustee Smith and a second Trustee Place.

MOTION #420-03/04

On a motion from Trustee Smith and a second from Trustee Place the board approved the vouchers for payment.

MOTION #421-03/04

On a motion from Trustee Smith and a second from Trustee Maasch the board voted to approve the payment of the amounts owed by the water, sewer and UDAG funds to the general fund.

Clerk-Treasurer Hungerford updated the board regarding the small cities implementation plan and community outreach. She explained that this gives responsibility areas, the bid award time frame, and the construction time frame.

MOTION #422-03/04

On a motion from Trustee Place and a second from Trustee Maasch the board voted to approve the implementation letter, project schedule, and community outreach plan for the Elm Street Reconstruction Project list. Motion passed.

MOTION #423-03/04

Trustee Place made a motion to adopt the following resolution to establish a pool Marsite reserve and to transfer \$1000.00 from the pool budget, Trustee Smith seconded the motion passed.

Resolved that pursuant to section 6-c,g of the General Municipal Law, as amended, this Board of Trustees does hereby establish a capital reserve fund to finance the cost of marsite improvements for the village pool. The Clerk-Treasurer is hereby directed to deposit monies of this reserve fund in a bank account known as the "municipal reserve fund." The Clerk Treasurer is authorized to invest, from time to time, the monies of this fund pursuant to Section 11 of the General Municipal Law. No expenditure shall be made from this fund, except upon authorization of this board pursuant to Section 6-c, g of the General Municipal Law, and subject to permissive referendum if required by law.

Mayor Hayes told the board that 42 Elm removal project would start the next day. He also told the board that Rotella Construction has indicated that they would begin to install the metal supports this week at the fire hall construction site.

President Hayes then opened the budget public hearing at 8:00 pm.

Tony Smith commented that he realized there were some uncontrolled increases in the budget, but it needed to be brought down further.

Pat Brown inquired what the proposed water and sewer rates would be. He indicated that increases will put hardship on the village residents.

Harold Stanton questioned the police department budget and indicated that the older village residents cannot afford the increases.

Hary Dillelo indicated that he agreed with the previous comments, and that the previous quarters water & sewer billing generated approximately \$155,000. He

questioned where these funds go. He also indicated that he had surveyed several surrounding communities regarding their water and sewer rates and they were significantly lower.

Jim Conklin commented that he appreciated the time the board had spent developing the budget. He indicated that he felt a refocus of the police department and some structural changes were necessary. He indicated that he believes we need a local police department, but the current structure is not sensible for a village this size. He indicated that we should have a full time chief. He appreciated the recent grant obtained by the police department, but indicated that he believed it was beyond our needs.

Kermit Mott suggested a possible tax payment plan for seniors.

Barb Buttacavolli indicated that she also believed we needed structural changes and a full time chief for the police department.

Mary Cable commented that she believed we need village police on duty at night.

John O'Connor indicated that the increases are not a hardship just for the senior citizens, but for everyone.

Bertha Jenson indicated that the police department didn't need any more gadgets, that water and sewer increases needed to be addressed further, and that there were too many charges for seniors.

Sharon Wright questioned if the new water and sewer rate would be charged for January and February useage.

The public hearing was closed at 8:25 pm.

MOTION #424-03/04

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Maasch to enter into and out of executive session. Motion carried.

MOTION #425-03/04

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Maasch to reject all garage bids and readvertise due to apparent confusion with the bid process and specifications. Motion carried.

MOTION #426/03-04

Motion made by Trustee Place, seconded by Trustee Maasch to charge water/sewer accounts 0307 and 0308 minimum charges this quarter, and not charge for excess water lost/used during the fire. Motion carried.

MOTION #427-03/04

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Maasch to authorize the Clerk Treasurer to prepare a payment plan, at 1% interest for Xue Zhong Chen for costs incurred for the recent fire and clean up. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Meg L. Hungerford
Clerk Treasurer