

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES-APRIL 10, 2012-7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: ERNEST W. MARTIN, MAYOR; TRUSTEES - ELLEN VOMACKA, JOHN BASILE, JUDY WOOD-SHAW, KEITH COLLINS**

**ALSO PRESENT: FIRE CHIEF TONY CONTI, ATTORNEY JAMES PELUSO\*\***

**ABSENT: SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHN SCOTT**

Mayor Martin reviewed the proposed budget for the General Fund with total appropriations of \$671,210, estimated revenue \$322,525, appropriated fund balance \$61,583, and amount to be raised by taxes \$287,102 which is no increase in the tax rate. He indicated the same was true about sewer; there would be no increase in the rate.

Trustee Basile explained the Village had to install a new water line due to PCB contamination. The project is complete as of March 15 at a cost of approximately \$5 million. \$1 million remains in grant funds which the USDA is reviewing. At this time, we have a 0% loan with NYS EFC which will be re-financed later this year with USDA. The loan will be for \$3,887,000 at 3.25% for a term of 38 years.

There are two issues in the water budget to deal with; O & M is short, Debt is short.

The debt may be funded by a tax levied on the users either as Ad Valorem or EDU.

Ad valorem is assessed value \* rate = cost to owner

EDU is an equivalent dwelling unit and is more acceptable as it's more equitable. # EDUs divided into debt = cost per unit.

The Mayor opened the floor to public comment:

Several residents agreed the board should raise the rate per thousand instead of charging EDUs and questioned if the customers in the Town and Saratoga Hills would also be charged. Trustee Basile advised they would not, we cannot tax outside users.

The same residents stated they would prefer a rate of \$12/1000 if that's what it took as long as it was equal among all users. Outside users are 2/3 of the customers so several thousand are benefitting but only inside users are paying. Trustee Collins stated our contract with the Town expires in 4 years and this loan is for 38 years; it would be irresponsible to finance this project with a contract that will be up in 4 years.

Preliminary rates were discussed, EDU is currently \$224.07 and the ad valorem rate would be \$1.94 per thousand.

The majority of residents asked the Board to consider increasing rates as opposed to using EDUs and the Mayor responded there probably would not be a decision tonight. He called a special meeting on April 24, 2012 @ 7:00pm to vote on rates and invited the public to attend.

\*\*Attorney James Peluso left at 9:00pm

**FIRE CHIEF** – Tony Conti – reviewed his written report, copy on file

**MOTION** to approve the 2012 officers as approved upstairs made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Collins Discussion: Trustee Vomacka asked if Theodore Thrane was qualified and the Chief confirmed he was  
Motion carried 4-0

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** – John Scott – absent

**BUILDING CODE OFFICER** – absent

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee John Basile – updated the status of the water project: DOH issued approval for the WTP to be shut down, GAC removal was to begin on April 9, Kris Wheeler from NYS DOH has advised the Village's Stipulation has been satisfied, the operator stipulation remains.

CWSRF – Bid opening will take place on April 26.

Trustee Keith Collins – WTP is offline and we need to get that news out to the public. Supt. Scott was asked to check the Hillside meter but has not done so. The playground fence is in need of repair again, the materials appear to be residential and future work should be done with industrial grade.

Trustee Ellen Vomacka – Has spoken to NYS DOT and we should go to bid by the end of April. John Noetzel will be maintaining our website, the Board should forward updates to him.

Trustee Judy Wood-Shaw – requested Village resource list from the Mayor, Senior Program at SACC to begin on April 27 however the Mayor suggested he and Trustee Wood-Shaw meet with the SACC Board and Director first.

**ATTORNEY** - James Peluso – no report

**CLERK-TREASURER** – Patti Ryan

USDA advance received today in the amount of \$355,104.44 which is approximately \$9,000 short of what is owed. Will need to contact Chazen to find out where the discrepancy might be.

Update on 4/2/12 water/sewer billing:

Village consumption billed 16,708,445 down from 19,275,120 in April 2011

O/S User consumption billed 347,460 down from 506,320 in April 2011

Current billing had 43 users with zero consumption, either vacant or stopped meters

Using actual readings compared to last year, from January through March, the Town usage is down 1,322,000 gals and Saratoga Hills is down 2,581,194 gals

**MOTION** authorizing the transfer of  
\$1000.00 from A.1990.400 Contingent to A.1620.409 Buildings Gas/Oil  
\$1000.00 from A.1990.400 Contingent to A.8160.400 Refuse Collect  
\$1500.00 from A.5410.400 Sidewalks Contractual to A.7110.400 Parks Contractual  
\$3000.00 from G.8130.404 Sewage T & D Eq Repair to G.8130.408 Sewage County Disp  
\$1498.41 from F.8320.401 Source Supplies and \$284.26 from F.8330.401 Purif Supplies and  
\$1000.00 from Purif St Testing and \$1000.00 from F.8340.401 T & D Meters to F.8310.400  
Water Admin Contract (\$1377.02) and F.8330.406 Purif Frac Tank (\$2067.20) and  
F.8330.412 Purif Chemicals (338.45)  
made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka  
Motion carried 4-0

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**OLD BUSINESS** –

**MOTION** to approve 2012/2013 budget for General Fund and Sewer Fund only made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka

Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Basile – yes
- Trustee Wood-Shaw – yes
- Trustee Vomacka – yes
- Trustee Collins – yes
- Mayor Martin – yes

Motion carried 5-0

**MOTION** to approve the audited claims

- A- \$11,911.50
- F – \$8,094.42
- G – \$7,319.48
- H - \$16,798.17

made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Vomacka  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer Report made by Trustee Vomacka, seconded by Trustee Wood-Shaw  
Motion carried 4-0

A public hearing will be held on April 24, 2012 at 7:00pm for the purpose of overriding the property tax law. The Board will vote on water rates at that time.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 10:10pm made by Trustee Basile, seconded by Trustee Collins  
Motion carried 4-0

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