

A Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees on January 2, 2014, for the purpose of hearing comments concerning the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2014 and ending February 28, 2015. The compensation proposed in said budget for the Mayor is \$15,000.00 per year, \$5,000.00 per year for each Trustee, and \$19,224.95 for the Village Justice.

Members Present: Mayor Joseph Saraceni
Trustee Mark Wilder
Trustee Dick Clarke
Trustee Bruce Stebbins
Trustee Megan O'Donnell
Trustee Mike Shepard

Absent: Trustee Rick Presley

Others Attending – Treasurer Anna Custer; Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey; Deputy Clerk Linda Ross; Police Lieutenant Thomas Le Roy; Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Colin Kahl, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Tami Scott from the Messenger and village residents John Van Wie and Ralph Seeber.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Saraceni and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Saraceni stated that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear comments concerning the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2014 and ending February 28, 2015. The compensation proposed in said budget for the Mayor is \$15,000.00 per year, \$5,000.00 per year for each Trustee, and \$19,224.95 for the Village Justice.

The Village Clerk read the legal notice that was published in the Messenger.

Comments in favor of the tentative budget: No one spoke.

Comments against the tentative budget: No one spoke.

Village resident John Van Wie was speaking not 'for' or 'against' the budget, but was there because he had questions about specific budget lines and would like to talk with the board about them. He spoke about the revenue lines first, asking for clarification on the budgeted amounts to be received from the County Infrastructure Program, the franchise fees, proposed engineering fees, the Police department revenue and the CHIPs Highway Aid. For expenses, he asked for clarification on the amount of money being budgeted for Village Hall and Police department improvements, proposed Highway projects, the street lights line, Economic Development, Parks department salaries, street trees, recycling and the water department line. In some areas he wanted to be sure the Village wasn't under budgeting themselves, or over budgeting themselves.

The Mayor feels that his department heads have worked hard and have produced a very conservative budget. He is proud of the fact that he anticipates a 2% tax cut. The village fund balances are doing well at this time where he's seen that other municipalities will have to raise their tax amounts.

Resolution #246/2013 Motion by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ross

**Linda Ross
Deputy Village Clerk**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 8:50 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
January 2, 2014**

Resolution #247/2013 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of December 19, 2013, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

There were no comments.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Stebbins reminded residents that there should be no plastic bags or wrapping on the Christmas trees that they put out to the road. Also, residents who have a snow plow service should be sure that their company plows and leaves the snow on their own property-it is not legal to plow the snow across the road or onto a neighbor's property.

There was a short discussion between Trustee Stebbins and Engineer Steve Darcangelo regarding some large pot holes on the state roads within the village limits, and they said that we may need to fix a few of the holes with cold patch until the state can get to them. Steve said that Larry Hazard of the NYS DOT has been notified. (Also, he stated that some state roads are scheduled to be fixed in 2015)

Trustee Clarke asked to add to the agenda, under new business, a discussion for the dedication of streets and easements for McHarrie Section 3.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Saraceni asked that two executive sessions for labor relations be added to the agenda. He also wanted to again thank John Van Wie for taking the time to come to the meeting. He wishes that more residents would come and see the proposed budget and ask questions.

Department Heads

Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey wanted to reiterate what Trustee Stebbins had said about Christmas trees and snowplow issues, and he also reminded residents that they must keep their sidewalks clear-the village codes require that they must be cleared within 24 hours of the end of a 'snow event'.

Treasurer Anna Custer stated that she has been doing some research and she would like to recommend that 'Municipipay' be used for credit card payments made to the village. The Mayor asked that she check with NBT Bank again and then report back at the next meeting before a final decision is made.

Lieutenant Tom LeRoy mentioned the passing of Russell Mosher, a former crossing guard for the village.

Steve Darcangelo reminded the village residents of the overnight parking ban, which prohibits parking on Village streets from 1:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 15-April 15, and that the DPW is constantly working on snow removal in the village.

Pending Business

- **Communication Plan/Strategy**

Trustee O'Donnell stated that the website is close to being launched (possibly tomorrow) and should be more user-friendly.

- **2014 Canton Woods Senior Center Agreement**

There was a brief discussion and it was noted that the changes that had been requested for the document had been made.

Resolution #248/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved to approve that the Mayor will sign the 2014 Canton Woods Senior Center Agreement.

Carried

Trustee Stebbins stated that he believes that the costs to village residents should change for the next agreement in 2015. The Mayor asked Steve to keep track of how much village residents actually contribute to the center.

- **Public Hearing – Adoption of Tentative Budget**

Resolution #249/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Stebbins
Resolved to adopt the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2014 and ending February 28, 2015. The compensation proposed in said budget for the Mayor is \$15,000.00 per year, \$5,000.00 per year for each Trustee, and \$19,224.95 for the Village Justice.

Tabled

By tabling this motion it will allow the treasurer to check the figures on the 'Street lights' line, A5182.4.

New Business

- **Discussion regarding an adjustment to current water/sewer rates**

There was a discussion about making a small adjustment to the water and sewer rates. Trustee Stebbins said that the rates were last adjusted in September 2010 (after about 7 years) and it was then decided that the goal should be to make more frequent smaller adjustments than had been done in the past. The water reserves will be significantly reduced over the next year to improve and rehabilitate our drinking water well sources. The proposed rate adjustment will allow the village to maintain a minimum fund balance, which is necessary considering the aging infrastructure and the equipment needed to keep the water and sewer systems functioning efficiently. Stebbins will check with the DPW committee on the rate adjustment recommendation and will report back at the next board meeting.

- **Discussion regarding the current sewer use rate for outside the village sewer customers**

As mentioned above, this rate adjustment proposal will stay on the agenda and will be reported on at the next board meeting.

- **Rate established for engineering fees provided by the Village Engineer**

Resolution #250/2013 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved to establish the rate of \$100.00 per hour as the fee for engineering services provided by the Village Engineer when performing project review and other engineering services to developers and non-residents.

Carried

- **Motion to accept the new roadway named Lauren’s Way in the Aspen Springs development**

Resolution #251/2014 Moved by Trustee O’Donnell, second by Trustee Clarke

Resolved to approve the street dedication of Lauren’s Way in the Aspen Springs development. This roadway was inspected by the village engineer and it is recommended that it be accepted by the village, be open to the public and that it will now be listed on our inventory of public roads.

Carried

- **Discussion regarding the dedication of streets and easements for McHarrie Section 3**

Village Attorney Dave Jones had asked that there be a discussion regarding the dedication of the streets and easements for McHarrie Section 3. Steve addressed this subject and said that he understands that there are a couple of transfers that need to happen yet. He said that these roads do not yet exist and although the language is fine he recommends that we hold off on signing these transfers until he has the opportunity to speak with Dave Jones again.

- **Executive Session**

Resolution #252/2013 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved that the board retire into executive session at 9:40 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #253/2013 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Clarke

Resolved that the board return from executive session at 10:16 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution # 254/2013 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee O’Donnell

Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract #21

- General Fund Checks #38851 - #38878 \$ 193,881.71
- Water Fund Checks #23308 - #23312 \$ 2,339.68
- Sewer Fund Checks #22987 - #22990 \$ 5,005.21

Carried

Resolution #255/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee O’Donnell

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:17 p.m., until the next village board meeting to be held January 16, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

Carried

Adjournment.

Linda Ross

Deputy Village Clerk