

March 25, 2013

Mayor Skeet opened Committee meeting at 7:05 pm.

Members present were Mayor Skeet, Trustees Graham, Ianni, Peterson and Lauer. Also present was Deputy Clerk Denise Beal, Village residents Dave Bielec, Linda Tucker and Debbie Graham.

Communications:

- 1) Rec'd ck#8061 in amt of \$799.36 from Denise Beal for Health Insurance payment.
- 2) Rec'd ck#551248 in amt of \$2.88 from Granite Telecomm. for Utility tax payment.
- 3) Rec'd ck#217711 in amt of \$978.12 from Nat'l Fuel for Utility tax payment.
- 4) Rec'd ck#7000344505 in amt of \$1245.07 from Nat'l Grid for Utility tax payment.
- 5) Rec'd notification from NYS Dept. of State of receipt and filing of Village Local Law #1 of 2013 re: Tax Cap.

Motion was made by Trustee Graham and seconded by Trustee Lauer to approve minutes of 3/11/13 Regular meeting.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Todd Skeet	X			
Trustee Al Graham	X			
Trustee Ralph Peterson		X		
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
<b>VOTE TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>PASSED</b>			

Motion was made by Trustee Ianni and seconded by Trustee Graham to approve minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup> emergency meeting to sign the DEC Contract.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Todd Skeet	X			
Trustee Al Graham	X			
Trustee Ralph Peterson			X	
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Ken Lauer			X	
<b>VOTE TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>2</b>	
<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>PASSED</b>			

Trustees Lauer and Peterson abstained due to not having been able to attend the emergency meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Lauer and seconded by Trustee Graham to approve minutes of 3/18/13 Budget meeting.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Todd Skeet	X			
Trustee Al Graham	X			
Trustee Ralph Peterson		X		
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
<b>VOTE TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>PASSED</b>			

Clerk informed the Board that she had consulted with NYCOM attorney Wade Beltramo and was informed that to consider non-Village residents for the Acting Justice position the Village must either pass a resolution or Local Law allowing non-residents to fill the position. Linda Tucker and Debbie Graham were asked if while they were the clerks if they recalled a resolution having been passed for non-residents to fill the court clerk and deputy clerk positions and they responded there had not been one. It was mentioned that Judge Alexander set a precedent by hiring his daughter who did not reside in the Village.

Clerk suggested a Local Law be drafted to include the Acting Justice, Deputy Clerk and Court Clerk positions. Clerk was requested to contact Attorney Boylan to get the process started.

There was no Police department update.

Clerk informed Board she had also spoken to Attorney Wade Beltramo at NYCOM regarding bid procedure. He said the municipality may sell property through private sale as long as they get fair and adequate consideration for the property. He said by putting the items out for bid, it can establish a market value and the Board can then accept an offer it considers fair for the property.

There was no sewer update. Clerk presented Board with a proposal from Dan Stather for installation of the Power Master units he had presented at a prior meeting. It was mentioned that Village electrician Norm Waff recommended against it. Board decided it is not interested at present. Clerk will contact Mr. Stather.

Linda Tucker thanked the Board for the letter regarding the status of the Sewer Grant. She said she felt it was very informative. Some discussion took place regarding the Sewer project, including Bond payback possibilities, Town of Pembroke Sewer district set up, how the billing will be done and the potential for expanding capacity in the future to accommodate new developments in the future. Both Ms. Tucker and Ms. Graham agreed that the sewer is a good asset for the Village. They said that even at worst case scenario of the Village's cost on the grant, it is well worth it compared to the millions it could cost to upgrade the 30+ year old plant. Mayor Skeet mentioned we would basically be getting a new plant at \$.15 on the dollar. Ms. Tucker said she would like to commend Mayor Skeet and Trustee Graham for all the work they have done for the Village.

Clerk reminded Board of RSVP deadline for Steve Hawley trip to Albany. Trustee Peterson said he would like to plan on going again. Board was also reminded of the upcoming traffic meeting at Darien Lake. Trustee Peterson said he plans to attend.

Budget portion of meeting began. Clerk informed the Board that public hearing for the budget must take place by April 15<sup>th</sup> and budget must be adopted by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Several line items were reviewed for possible cuts. Considerable discussion took place regarding the Police department including coverage needed, number of tickets written, fine structure and potential ticket revenue. Trustee Graham brought up the possibility of eliminating the Police administrator position as a cost saving measure. Resident Linda Tucker suggested eliminating the \$10,000 set aside for future police car replacement.

Trustee Lauer left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Some other potential cuts included lowering the amounts for Grant writers, legal expenses, and flower pot and tree service line items. Brief discussion took place regarding lowering budget for Joint Youth versus Winterfest funds. Trustee Graham suggested cutting Board salaries.

Motion was made by Trustee Ianni and seconded by Trustee Graham to adjourn meeting at 9:10 pm.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Todd Skeet	X			
Trustee Al Graham	X			

Trustee Ralph Peterson	X			
Trustee Art Ianni	X			
Trustee Ken Lauer				X
<b>VOTE TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>PASSED</b>			

Sandra Thomas  
Clerk Treasurer