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- 9) Rec'd notification of direct deposit of 2012-13 tax relevys in the amount of \$9,064.35 from Genesee County.

Motion was made by Trustee Bielec and seconded by Trustee Lauer to approve minutes of April 12, 2013 meeting.

The motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Ralph Peterson			X	
Trustee Keith Busch	X			
Trustee Dave Bielec	X			
Trustee Art Ianni		X		
Trustee Ken Lauer	X			
VOTE TOTAL	3	1	1	
RESULTS	PASS			

Trustee Ianni mentioned he has the minutes of the April 10th & 11th meetings and will get them to the clerk.

The floor was opened for public comments on the budget. Comment was made that they would like to thank the employees that took a cut in their hours.

Resident Al Graham questioned if a tape of the previous meeting on the 15th was available. He said he had received an email that Judge Alexander had access to that tape on Tuesday following the meeting. Mayor Peterson said that Judge Alexander did not get the tape. Judge O'Connor spoke up and mentioned he had gotten a nasty email from Judge Alexander that referred to having heard a tape of the previous meeting.

Mayor Peterson said that all comments must be related to the budget and that he has no control over what other people do.

Village resident Jenny McMartin questioned what the \$1500 for Mayor contractual was for. Mayor Peterson responded it was for training. Resident Greg Lang mentioned that the new Judge took a cut in pay and two employees cut their hours to help the budget, and questioned if the mayor was willing to take a pay cut. Mayor Peterson responded "No".

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It was also questioned why there was a need for ten part-time police officers. Trustee Ianni explained that with their regular full time jobs that many officers are needed to cover the hours. Trustee Lauer questioned if the residents would prefer no police force. Ms. Vogler responded that she questions whether it's worth it and resents the tax dollars spent on the Police administrator.

Resident Jenny McMartin questioned the line item on the budget for missing funds. She questioned if Judge Alexander will be the Acting Justice. Mayor Peterson responded it is to be determined.

It was questioned if the Village has to have an administrator. Further discussion took place regarding Village coverage versus contracting the Genesee County Sheriffs to patrol the Village.

Motion was made by Trustee Ianni and seconded by Trustee Bielec to adjourn the meeting.

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Trustee Keith Busch	X			
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VOTE TOTAL	5			
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