

Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Regular monthly meeting and Public Hearing on Proposed 2015-2016 Tentative Budget

Present: Mayor Carol Weaver: via Skype, Venice Florida Trustees: Dale Leiser  
Richard Phillips  
Brian Murphy

Absent: Trustee Robert Puckett

Also attending: Glenn Smith; Jim Dunham; David Booth; Renée Shur; Matt Cohn; Mark Browne; Emelia Teasdale, Columbia Paper.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR**

Mayor Weaver opened the public hearing at 7:15 PM. The village clerk read the public notice published in the register star on April 3, 2015.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Weaver made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:16 PM; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted: "aye."

**MINUTES**

Trustee Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2015 Regular monthly meeting; March 23, 2015 Budget meeting; March 25, 2015 Roof repair and Budget meeting and March 30, 2015 Budget meeting; seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted "aye."

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Trustee Phillips made a motion to approve the following budget amendments presented by the Treasurer:

General Fund

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
		\$
A.1990.4 Contingent Account	A.1320.4 Auditor	3,400.00
		\$
A.1990.4 Contingent Account	A.1325.4 Village Clerk Contractual	169.71
		\$
A.1620.4 Buildings Contractual	A.1420.4 Law	6,761.27
		\$
A.1920.4 Municipal Association Dues	A.1670.4 Central Printing Contractual	39.16

A.1990.4 Contingent Account	A.1680.4 Central Data Processing	\$ 811.23
A.3410.43 Firemen Equipment Maintained	A.3410.41 Fire Truck, Generator Repairs	\$ 2,791.43
A.3410.4 Fire Department Contractual	A.3410.43 Firemen Equipment	\$ 225.00
A.5142.2 Snow Removal Equipment	A.5132.2 Central Garage Equipment	\$ 26.05
A.1620.4 Buildings Contractual	A.5132.4 Central Garage Contractual	\$ 177.35
A.3310.1 Traffic Contractual Personal Service	A.5142.1 Snow Removal Personal Service	\$ 212.51
A.1620.4 Buildings Contractual	A.5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual Service	\$ 2,400.38
A.7140.41 Recreation Recc	A.7140.4 Recreation Contractual	\$ 46.90
A.8540.1 Drainage Personal Service	A.8160.4 Refuse and Garbage Personal	\$ 348.00
A.3310.1 Traffic Contractual Personal Service	A.8560.1 Shade Trees Personal Service	\$ 151.50

Water Fund

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
F.8340.41 Engineering	F.8320.4 Source & Pumping Contractual	\$ 1,074.97
F.8340.41 Engineering	F.8330.1 Purification Personal	\$ 951.00
F.8340.41 Engineering	F.8340.1 Transmission and Distribution Personal	\$ 931.26
F.8340.41 Engineering	F.8340.4 Transmission and Distribution Contractual	\$ 2,106.08

F.8340.41 Engineering

F.9035.8 Medicare

\$  
21.01

Seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted “aye.”

### **ABSTRACT**

Mayor Weaver made a motion to approve the monthly abstract in the amount of \$40,306.34; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted “aye.”

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mayor Weaver made a motion to approve the monthly Treasurer’s report; seconded by Trustee Murphy. All voted “aye.”

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Matt Cohn reported six calls, one drill, and zero details.

Nick Eisen requested to install a light at the firehouse sign as his life project for Boy Scouts. Trustee Phillips made a motion to approve Nick Eisen to add a light to the firehouse sign; seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted “aye.”

Trustee Phillips made a motion to accept the following appointments Larry Eisen to serve as Chief, Matt Cohn as First Assistant Chief and David Bartlett a Second Assistant Chief; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted “aye”.

### **DPW**

Water Department-Flushing of hydrants will be completed April 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> at which time the removal of the snow flags will be done.

Steve Bean is requesting to receive village water at the adjacent property to Kinderhook Creek on the left after the bridge on Hudson Street. The proposed house is outside of the village and will be charged the double water rate and meter rate as all outside users. Trustee Leiser made a motion to provide village water to the property at the expense of the property owner and charged as an outside water user; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted “aye”.

DPW garage doors-Work is needed on the garage doors at the DPW garage. Dave will call Madsen Overhead doors for a quote.

Columbia County Intermunicipal Agreement- Trustee Leiser and David Booth felt the agreement was a positive thing as each municipality can receive help from another such as labor, machinery in kind services etc...The agreement will include all the Towns, Villages, City of Hudson and County of Columbia for a five year period beginning May 1, 2015-April 30, 2020. Trustee Leiser made a motion to sign the inter-municipal agreement; seconded by Trustee Murphy. All voted “aye”.

Berkshire Drive –Dave is recommending using Paver Place Service Treatment as a preventive maintenance treatment on Berkshire Drive.

Skid boxing-Dave would like to skid box William Street from Maiden Lane to Trombley's Automotive; part of Sunset and Rothermel to Gaffney Lane.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

The CEO/ ZEO's monthly report was received with \$325.00 of permits fees collected.

Violations-Glenn reported there are new state laws that a homeowner will have to mitigate a violation within 30 days of the violation. He will forward on to Chase Bank concerning 3 Church Street. The neighbors have contacted Glenn with their concern of the lack of movement with 3 Church Street. Glenn has informed them he is trying to have the bank rectify the violations issued.

Software for CEO/ZEO-Glenn is working with Carl Ublocker from the State on grant funding for new software. Glenn would like to propose the village purchase the new software and the Town pay the yearly maintenance costs. The program will assist the Town Assessor in keeping records current. Trustee Phillips will try to facilitate a meeting with Town Supervisor, Pat Grattan, Tom Griffin, Town Assessor and Glenn Smith.

### **ZONING BOARD**

No meeting held.

Mayor Weaver received a letter of resignation effective immediately from William Van Alstyne. Mayor Weaver made a motion accepting the letter of resignation; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye." Mayor Weaver will send a letter to Mr. Van Alstyne thanking him for his years of service. She will advertise the zoning board is seeking a new member and resumes may come to the village addressed to the Mayor.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Minutes of the December 4, 2014 minutes were received.

A Public hearing is scheduled for the proposed Day Care center at the Fellowship Cornerstone Church across from Stewarts.

A site plan amendment is being requested for an additional seating outdoors. A public hearing is planned for next month.

Comprehensive Plan Update -Trustee Phillips made a motion to form a committee to assist with the Comprehensive Plan Update. The committee will consist of the following people: Mark Browne, Committee Chairman to be assisted by Matthew Cabral, Planning Board Chairman, Bruce Charbonneau, David Flaherty, and Susan Patterson, Planning Board Members, as well as, community volunteers, Stephen Phillips, Jim Dunham, Dan and Marge Schoonover, Elizabeth Martin, Thomas Mueller, Susan Jenks, Alan Applebaum with the support of Rene Shur, Economic Development Director; seconded by Trustee Murphy. All voted "aye."

Trustee Phillips made a motion to have the Deputy, Mayor Leiser sign a contract with Nan Stolzenburgh to complete the Comprehensive Plan Update with the assistance of the newly formed committee. The contract is not to exceed \$16,000. The village was granted \$8,000 from the Greenway Grant and \$8,000 was placed in the 2015-2016 Village budget; seconded by Trustee Murphy. All voted "aye".

Mark Brown informed the Village Board a car wash is being proposed at the former Val -Kin Restaurant in Valatie. He will attend their Planning Board meeting as he feels we should make them aware of the village's Well Head Protection Area. If needed, a letter from the Village Board or Planning Board can be sent to the Village of Valatie.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

January 15, 2015 minutes were received.

The commission is making a proposed list of changes to the sign regulations.

The NYS OPRHP Division for Historic Preservation who oversees the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducting an audit on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Spring Home and Garden Day Event April 18<sup>th</sup> –the village square will have food by Pass the Tyme and a welcome tent for the house tours. Trustee Phillips made a motion to close off the one way street for safety concerns on April 18<sup>th</sup> ; seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted "Aye".

Renee is concerned with the traffic and parking for the upcoming event at "The School" on Sunday, May 17, 2015. Trustee Phillips will contact Bernie Kelleher requesting two of the county's digital signs. Jim Dunham will place cones restricting the parking spot nearest the intersection at Church Street and Rothermel to help with site distance.

Food Truck Village-Columbia County Tourism would like to donate \$250.00 of grant money to the village's Economic Development. Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the donation on behalf of EDC; Seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted "aye".

### **VILLAGE HALL**

Village Hall Roof-It has been determined the corbels are included in the base bid. Pricing per corbel was given in the bid package if the corbels needed to be replaced. Trustee Murphy will receive a total build and a restoration price from a gentleman he knows up north that does wood working. Mayor Weaver noted in an email received from Marilyn that 4 corbels need to be replaced.

### **PROPOSED TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR**

The proposed annual budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year is within the State Comptrollers' tax cap regulations of 1.68% to be raised by taxes. The village will raise \$311,115.15 in village taxes with a tax rate of .00217207 per thousand assessed value. Trustee Phillips made a motion to adopt the proposed 2015-2016 budget; seconded by Trustee Murphy. All voted "aye".

## **WASTEWATER COLLECTION PROJECT**

Jim noted several loose ends need to be completed to apply for the close out with DOT and the certification from Clark Engineering. The apartment house on Chatham Street has completed their indoor plumbing allowing the entire building to use the sewer system. He will need to have his septic tank pumped. Casale Construction left stone to fill in his tank. Bill Better's property on Albany Ave needs to complete the indoor plumbing.

## **SIDEWALK LINK PROJECT**

Jim is waiting on Frank Awaka at DOT to close out the DOT work permit.

## **APPLICATIONS**

Mayor Weaver made a motion to approve the applications with the following regulations; seconded by Trustee Murphy. All voted "aye". Mayor Weaver will write a letter to Stuyvesant Memorial Post they may set up on the corner of the bank and the fire hydrant.

- a. Friends of Kinderhook memorial Library is requesting to place a sign advertising Book Shop  
May 2-Oct. 15 Sat am only and Book Sale June 5, 6, 7th two weeks prior to event
- b. Carey Alberg is requesting the Village Hall second floor on Sunday, April 19th from 12:30-4 pm
- c. N. Columbia Chaos 04 is requesting the Playground Softball & Pavilion June 27th; 9-12 pm
- d. Stuyvesant Memorial Post 9593 is requesting to sell Poppy Drive 6/13/15
- e. Cynthia Wheeler is requesting the Village Hall 2nd fl on May 2, 9, 16 and 30th from 7:30-11:30
- f. Village EDC is requesting to place a sign from 4/15-4/18/15 advertising Spring Home & Garden
- G. Mark Browne is requesting to use Village Hall for the Comprehensive Plan update meetings on  
April 2, 30; May 7, 28; June 4, 25; 6-7 pm & Saturday April 25; May 30; and June 27; 11-12 pm

## **PEDDLER'S PERMIT**

John Ray and Sons is requesting a Peddler's permit to sell home fuel oil. Trustee Phillips made a motion approving the request with the following documents: Certification of employment for each peddler and Certificate of insurance; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

The village's annual egg hunt was a success in the snow squalls. The Easter Bunny sponsored by the Elks Lodge was moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the village hall.

## **TAXPAYER TIME**

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm; seconded by Trustee Murphy. All voted “aye”.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder  
Village Clerk