

Village of Scottsville, NY
February 20, 2010

Minutes of Public Budget Meeting,

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Mayor Souers

Roll Call: Mayor Michael Souers, Trustees Paul Gee, Elizabeth Murray, Lino Contestabile,
Rick Ven Vertloh

Also Present: Fire Chief Bob Emerson, Treasurer Beverly Martin

Business at hand:

Budget review with Fire Chief Bob Emerson
Village Budget review, finalization, and draft adoption

Treasurer Martin addressed the fire/ems portion of the village budget, and how the adjustment was made to reflect the decrease in the overall fire/ems costs to the Village residents, town of Chili residents, and to the Town of Wheatland residents.

Chief Emerson received a quote for the railings on the mezzanine of the fire house. \$4,800, but he believed that he could get it done more inexpensively while meeting code.

Chief Emerson also stated that the Department of Health was satisfied with the paperwork submitted to MLREMS, and that the fire squad should be receiving the DOH number by April 1st (hopefully).

The budget was reviewed, and Chief Emerson's main concern was that if each fire fighter was required to be outfitted with the rope/pulley system, it could be a very big expense to the department. Also, he stated that the new narrow band radios have been specified, and he is trying to get into a consortium to purchase with quantity discounts, and still look for available grants. He is working with the surrounding fire companies to mitigate some of the costs of programming the radios as well.

Chief Emerson left at 8:45.

Mayor Souers then addressed his agenda items: 1) closing the building reserve fund and transferring the monies, (2) transferring monies from the New Pump Station reserve into a type reserve for engineering expenses (to be shared by all WWTP users), (3) deciding on which health plan, (4) scheduling a public hearing for review of the budget .

1) Closing the Reserve and transferring money

A) A motion to have a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:10 pm to create a new TYPE reserve account named STREETS PROJECTS. Motion by Elizabeth Murray, seconded by Paul Gee. Carried 5-0 at 9:04 am

B) A motion to have a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:13 pm to transfer \$50,000 from the existing Village Building Renovation reserve account to the newly created STREETS PROJECTS reserve account, subject to permissive referendum. Motion by Paul Gee, seconded by Elizabeth Murray. Carried 5-0 at 9:11 am

C) A motion to have a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:16 pm to transfer \$50,000 from the existing Village Building Renovation reserve account to the existing Main Street Development reserve account, subject to permissive referendum. Motion by Elizabeth Murray, seconded by Paul Gee. Carried 5-0 at 9:28 am.

D) A motion to have a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:25 pm to transfer the remaining amount, approximately \$15,812 from the existing Village Building Renovation reserve account to the existing Parks reserve account, subject to permissive referendum. Motion by Paul Gee, seconded by Lino Contestabile. Carried 5-0 at 9:31 am.

E) A motion to have a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:30 pm to dissolve the existing Village Building Renovation reserve account. Motion by Paul Gee, seconded by Lino Contestabile. Carried 5-0 at 9:32 am.

2) Transfer money from Pump Station reserve

A) A motion to have a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:35 pm to create a new TYPE reserve account named VILLAGE/NESSD Pump Station Reserve. Motion by Lino Contestabile, seconded by Paul Gee. Carried 5-0 at 9:34 am.

B) A motion to have a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:40 pm to transfer \$20,000 plus accrued interest from the existing WWTP NEW PUMP STATION reserve account to the newly created Village/NESSD Pump Station reserve account, subject to permissive referendum. Motion by Paul Gee, seconded by Elizabeth Murray. Discussion: this amount was jointly paid by the NESSD users and the Village users. All other monies in the account, aside from accrued interest, have been paid by village residents. Carried 5-0 at 9:36 am.

C) A motion to have a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:43 pm to rename the existing NEW PUMP STATION RESERVE account to VILLAGE PUMP STATION RESERVE account. Motion made by Lino Contestabile, seconded by Paul Gee. Carried 5-0 at 9:40 am.

Trustee VenVertloh stated the Village Clerk needs to post public hearings on the village web site. This will be a responsibility stated and agreed to at the organizational meeting.

3) HEALTH PLANS

The Trustees agreed to move forward to adopt the Healthy Blue Choice plan. This was the best plan for the employees and for the village as it cut down on both the employee contributions to their health plans, and also saved the village substantial money. As with every health plan and budgets, the board will also continue investigating future options.

4) PUBLIC REVIEW of BUDGET

A motion to have a public hearing on March 9, 2010 at 7:45 pm to review the proposed Village Budget for 2010-2011. Motion made by Rick VenVertloh, seconded by Paul Gee. Discussion: The board decided that the budget summary statement will include, but not be limited to the savings and changes in health care costs, retirement of Dig Taggart, keeping the tax levy level, sales tax revenues, EMS/RS revenues, etc. Carried 5-0 at 10:38 am.

Mayor Souers mentioned that the sales tax for the last quarter was increased slightly over the previous quarter. He also noted that a consideration for dissolution of municipalities is that the Village gets a direct check from Monroe County, and the Town gets sales tax relief or offset. If the Village was dissolved, this money would disappear, and the Town would have to recoup the difference.

Treasurer Martin said that there were budget modifications coming as \$70,617 had to be moved from the reserve funds into the sanitary sewer reserve account and \$25,000 had to be moved to a pump station reserve.

The Smith-Warren post will be celebrating its 90th year. The Village will commemorate this with a plaque or certificate to recognize community service and involvement.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Paul Gee, seconded by Rick VenVertloh. Carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted by Lino Contestabile