

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

January 14, 2004

BUDGET WORKSHOP

PRESENT:

Mayor	Robert C. Corby
Trustees	Steven Maddox Paula Sherwood Glenn Brown
Excused	Tom Farlow
Treasurer	Mary Marowski
Recording Secretary	Anne Z. Hartsig

Mayor Corby called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Treasurer Mary Marowski presented a list of items to be reviewed at this initial budget workshop meeting. The following issues were discussed.

1. Plans for additional street lighting to be installed in the 2004/05 fiscal year were discussed. Members would like to see budgeting for additional lighting on South Main Street at Jefferson Road, State Street and Golf Avenue/Washington Road area.
2. Salaries were reviewed and the Board discussed employee cost of living and merit increases.
3. The issue of raising property taxes was discussed. The affects of a Village property reassessment and the library and school bonds will hit taxpayers next year. Therefore, if after further review of the budget, it is deemed necessary to raise taxes, the Board will consider doing so this year. Possible reasons for having to raise taxes are the increase cost of employee salaries, increase cost of health insurance and a \$39,000 annual contribution to the New York State Retirement System.
4. The purchase of a new leaf machine and a new loader was discussed. Trustee Maddox said the existing leaf machine is somewhat hazardous due to an exposed belt and it is difficult to start in the Fall. However, once it is going, it runs well. It is approximately thirty years old and will have to be replaced in the next couple of years. Trustee Maddox said it is not mandatory. Mayor Corby said that equipment should be replaced on a regular basis rather than on an emergency basis.

Regarding the loader, it was new in 1999. Trustee Maddox will talk to the Superintendent to determine the necessity of buying a new loader.

5. Repair of sidewalks and catch basins was discussed. Trustee Maddox will develop a ten-year program for catch basin repair after consulting with the Superintendent. The Clerk will email Trustee Farlow to ask for a copy of the street and sidewalk repair schedule. Mayor Corby stated that our policy should be to maintain and replace the sidewalks on a regular basis. Monies should be set aside for street repairs/resurfacing. Two that are in need are Schoen Place and South Street.
6. The need for an additional DPW employee was discussed. Board members did not make a decision but concurred that if another employee was hired, the position should be an assistant to the Superintendent.
7. The Board received a request from Remegia Mitchell that there be a line item included in the budget for records management. She submitted a wish list for a media file and a fire/climate controlled filing cabinet. Trustee Brown said he would budget for those two items and the Treasurer said a line item could be established for records management.
8. Healthcare options were discussed. It was decided that more review is necessary. Therefore, the topic was tabled until the next meeting to allow the Board members time to review the material submitted by Bond Financial and Preferred Care. The Clerk will continue to try to obtain options from our Blue Choice representative.
9. The Board discussed the need to raise the sewer rates. Because of new government stormwater regulations and because the Village had to pay \$2500 for membership in the Monroe County

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Stormwater Coalition, the Board decided that a 10% increase may be necessary. If so, a Public Hearing will take place and a Local Law will be proposed.

10. Attorney fees were discussed. It was noted that the current year budget has under-budgeted for the fees that will be spent by the end of the fiscal year.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2004 at 6:30 PM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Anne Z. Hartsig, Recording Secretary