

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

March 24, 2004 – 6:30 PM

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Mayor</b>	Robert C. Corby
<b>Trustees</b>	Steven Maddox Tom Farlow
<b>Excused</b>	Paula Sherwood Glenn Brown
<b>DPW Superintendent</b>	Scott Spencer
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mary Marowski
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Anne Z. Hartsig

Mayor Corby called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

**BUDGET MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

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

**TAX INFORMATION SHEET**

The Treasurer prepared a comparison sheet showing the difference in revenue using the current tax rate versus a 4.5% increase. The difference is \$12,202. The sheet also showed what the difference would be with a 15% assessment increase that will be effective in the 2005-06 budget year. Trustee Maddox asked the Treasurer to prepare a spreadsheet showing a 5, 10, 12 year look at where the rate of inflation is relative to the tax increase.

The discussion of whether or not to increase taxes for this fiscal year continued. Trustee Maddox is opposed to raising the taxes. He believes combining services with the Town could lower expenses. He said there has been no effort to explore combining services. He would like to see discussion among staff. Because of the unavoidable increase in some expenses discussed at the last meeting, Trustee Farlow and Mayor Corby believe a small tax increase is necessary.

Trustee Maddox presented the same list of ideas to reduce expenses that he presented at the last meeting. This list was discussed. The Board removed the funding for the position of an assistant for the DPW Superintendent. Board members discussed removing some or all of the funding for catch basin and sidewalk repairs. Members decided that it would be detrimental to allow these repairs to get behind so that the Village would be forced to repair several at one time. This ultimately causes a larger burden to the taxpayers. Members agreed that the same is true for street repairs and replacement. Funds to repair Heatherhurst Drive will remain in the budget at this time.

A suggestion was made to reduce the number of flower baskets so that there is one on every other pole. In addition to cutting the cost of the flowers and baskets, the expense of the required maintenance would also be less. Members agreed that by comparison, cutting funding for flower baskets would have less of an impact than cutting funding for something that is safety related.

**DPW EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT**

Treasurer Marowski presented a list of DPW vehicles that included the age of each vehicle. Superintendent Spencer told the Board that the loader and the plow truck were both good candidates for replacement. He said that the loader is the backbone of the DPW operation. It is used throughout the year. He told the Board that this machine has had some problems and needs some repairs. The loader is slow due to transmission problems and has had three or four hydraulic pumps since it was new six years ago. A salesman told Mr. Spencer that if the machine were traded in now, he would be given \$20,000 for it. Trustee Maddox said that the Village could rent a machine if necessary in an emergency. Mr. Spencer said that cost would be between \$200 to \$400 per day. Trustee Maddox said since it is not a "must have", he is not in favor of replacement this year. Trustee Farlow said that if we do not replace any vehicles this year, he favors budgeting some funds to start a vehicle reserve fund to help with replacement expenses in the future.

**EXCHANGE OF SERVICES**

Mr. Spencer told the Board that Scott Jugovic has offered to pave Heatherhurst Drive in exchange for covered storage at the DPW garage for his paving machine. This could save the Village about \$2,500. Mr. Spencer said that NYCOM would have to be consulted to be certain of the legalities. Our insurance agent would also have to be consulted. Mr. Spencer will look into this possibility.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Trustee Maddox stated that more discussion and review should take place before a final budget is adopted. However, a **motion** was made by **Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Farlow** to hold a Public Hearing at the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting to discuss the adoption of the tentative budget for fiscal year 2004-05.

**Vote:** Corby – yes, Farlow – yes, Maddox – yes. **Motion carried.**

**NON-MUNICIPAL USE PERMIT REQUEST – CORN HILL NAVIGATION**

After discussion regarding parking issues on Schoen Place, a **motion** was made by **Trustee Farlow**, **seconded by Mayor Corby** to approve a non-municipal use permit to dock the *Sam Patch* at the Village dock on Schoen Place for the 2004 season with conditions of approval to be developed.

**Vote:** Corby – yes, Farlow – yes, Maddox – yes. **Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Corby adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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Anne Z. Hartsig, Recording Secretary