

PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 26, 2016 -7:00 PM

Present

Mayor:	Robert C. Corby
Trustees:	Lili Lanphear Frank Galusha Alysa Plummer Margaret Caraberis
Building Inspector:	Floyd Kofahl
Village Treasurer:	Mary Marowski
Recording Secretary:	Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Corby seconded by Trustee Caraberis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear - yes, Galusha – yes, Plummer – yes, Caraberis– yes. **Motion carried.**

BOARD MEMBER – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mayor Corby asked if any of the Board members had a conflict of interest or had accepted gifts associated with any of the meeting agenda items. The Board members indicated that they had no conflicts of interest to report.

2016-2017 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Corby and Trustee Galusha presented to the public the 2016-2017 Village Budget. Mayor Corby stated that the Village Board had taken a very long look at the Village’s financial history, with the preparation of the current Budget and tax rate. Mayor Corby reviewed with the public the impacts on the budget from legal fees, and the anticipated revenues and expenses. He further discussed the history of the revenues and the decline the Village has experienced in working revenue. Mayor Corby also discussed the additional services provided to the residents over the last 30 years as well as cost-saving measures that have been implemented. Trustee Galusha reviewed the DPW budget. He discussed with the public the criteria for equipment replacement and infrastructure projects. Trustee Galusha also discussed upcoming road projects and the current village bond. Mayor Corby finalized the presentation by discussing the Active Transportation Plan that will assist the Village with traffic-calming measures.

Mayor Corby thanked the Village Staff and Treasurer for all the hard work on the Budget and presentation. He also thanked the American Legion for their loan of electronic equipment for the presentation.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2016 -2017, TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Corby invited the Public to comment on the proposed budget.

1. Terry Martin - 39 Courtenay Circle, Stated that he would like to salute the Village DPW for the great job they do. He also informed the Board that he would like to see the 75 Monroe Avenue project completed so the Village would be able to receive tax revenue from the project and not be a liability.

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2. Martin Martina, 30 Locust Street, Questioned the Board if the development at 75 Monroe Avenue would be self-sustaining or would it cost taxpayers additional funds. He also asked what would be the cost for the village due to the sewage and roads, short term and long term.
3. Wally Morse - 12 Sutherland Street, Questioned the Board regarding the legal fees. He stated that he is concerned that the increase in taxes over the last two years is so large, when he thought they were incremental. He also questioned the tax increase in comparison to the expense items that have stayed relatively flat.
4. Mark Schenkel, 70 South Street, Questioned how the sales tax revenue is flat, when the Village Budget shows an increase.
5. Michael Tomanio - 24 Monroe Avenue, Stated that since 2012, litigation on 75 Monroe has been the big expense of the Village Budget. He reviewed the current year budget, and indicated that by his calculation, the Village would be ending the year at a loss on the operating budget. Mr. Tomanio questioned what the legal expenses will be in the future. Litigation expenses could be avoided if the case was settled.
6. Mike Reynolds - 35 Church Street, Commented that there is more to the Village then 75 Monroe Avenue. He indicated that the Village Board works hard at keeping the taxes low, and that they have found ways to save money on the Grove Street project. The projected taxes are lower than other Villages. He stated that after the lawsuits have fizzled, we will still have a great Village.
7. Bob Michaels, 71 State Street, Stated that he has reviewed the Village Budget and thinks that the budget is in line. He stated that in the last 30 years, the overall tax increase was 13%, but for many of the years the taxes were either flat or went down. If the budget had increased at the rate of the rising cost and then the added cost of defending lawsuits, the increase the residents would be receiving would be higher. He stated that having been a resident for over 40 years, he wants good services and protection of his property values. The increase amounts to about \$120 dollars a year, very small in comparison to other taxes. The property values in the village have increased. The Board puts in a large amount of time preserving the Village and deserves respect.

Motion Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Plummer, to close the public hearing on the Tentative Budget for 2016-2017.

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear– yes, Galusha – yes, Plummer – yes, Caraberis– yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Corby responded to the questions from the public by stating that the tax revenue gained by the Village was estimated at one time to be approximately \$14,000, but would be offset by expenses and services. He stated that since the project has changed, he is not aware of the new numbers. Mayor Corby informed the residents that there are seven lawsuits at this time, and that the Village could not anticipate the lawsuits. The Village has carried a large surplus of funds that have helped cover the impact of the litigation. As per the sales tax, it can go up and down, but can lag with inflation.

He further pointed out that the Village budgeted \$321,000 on legal expenses, but the actual expenses were higher, and the Village was unable to anticipate, and cannot forecast, if we will be receiving another lawsuit.

RECESS

Motion Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Plummer, to have a five-minute recess.

Vote: Corby - yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha – yes, Plummer – yes, Caraberis– yes. **Motion carried.**

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Motion Trustee Lanphear, seconded by Trustee Plummer, to exit recess 8:15 PM.

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha – yes, Plummer – yes, Caraberis– yes. **Motion carried.**

BUDGET ADOPTION

Mayor Corby informed the Public that the presentation from tonight will be available on the Village Website and at the Village Hall.

Motion Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to adopt the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget of \$1,317,454 and the Sewer Fund Budget for \$173,676.

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear– yes, Galusha – yes, Plummer – yes, Caraberis– yes. **Motion carried.**

ATTORNEY CLIENT MEETING

Motion Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Plummer, to enter attorney client meeting.

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha – yes, Plummer – yes, Caraberis– yes. **Motion carried.**

Motion Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Lanphear, to exit executive at 8:45 PM.

Vote: Corby – yes Lanphear – yes, Galusha – yes, Plummer – yes, Caraberis– yes. **Motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT

Village Clerk, Dorothea M. Ciccarelli, presented vouchers listed on Abstract #20 of 2015/2016 fiscal year for approval. A motion was made by Mayor Corby, seconded by Trustee Plummer, to approve payment of the vouchers listed on Abstract #20 in the amounts stated below and to charge them to the appropriate accounts.

Vouchers for approval – Abstract #20

• General Fund: (#659, #661-#666, #668-#682, #684)	\$ 19,478.20
• Capital Improvements 2015: (#660, #667, #683)	\$ 443.33
Total Vouchers for Approval:	\$ 19,921.53

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha – yes, Plummer – yes, Caraberis– yes. **Motion carried**

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Motion by Trustee Caraberis, seconded by Mayor Corby, to waive the 45-day notice and to issue a non-municipal use permit to Pittsford Garden Club for their annual sale with all the requirements of the non-municipal use permit.

Vote: Corby - yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha – yes, Plummer – yes, Caraberis– yes. **Motion carried**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Mayor Corby, and seconded by Trustee Galusha, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM.

Vote: Corby – yes, Lanphear – yes, Galusha – yes, Plummer – yes, Caraberis– yes. **Motion carried.**

Dorothea M. Ciccarelli, Recording Secretary