

PRESENT: Mayor Youmans, Deputy Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Joseph Domachowske, Christine Schreiber, A. Scott Williams, Sr. and Fire Chief Zack Avery

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Youmans at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

WATER PROJECT UPDATE: Discussion followed regarding the meeting between B & L, Chuck Gilkey, Mayor Youmans and Dept. Mayor Tackman. The Village currently pays approx.. \$22,500 a year on our debt service and the new payment for the new tank would be about \$33,300 per year. By the time the project is ready to go, we could have paid off the other debt and start fresh with a new loan and we would be essentially get a new water system. The letter as presented does not include the fire hydrants that were discussed and before it is approved, we should clarify this option. The Village needs to send a letter to the Town and engineers approving of the plan as presented. Mayor Youmans made a motion to send a letter approving the project, second by Deputy Mayor Tackman.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Mayor Youmans began by commenting on the situation that occurred in Altmar and that he has always been concerned about these issues and that former Mayor Reehil began a system of checks and balances and oversight that are still practiced today. With that said, he would like to see a budget from the Fire Company to keep up with the oversight. Trustee Domachowske will help with this. On to the Village budget, the Mayor, Clerk and Trustee Domachowske worked on the budget and presented the following: There has been a \$10,000 increase to the retirement costs. There are salary increases for employees, Rod \$1.00/hr. Zack and Julie \$.50/hr, which still is well below what other towns/villages pay for the same jobs. The Code Officers salary will be increased. He has completed his training and currently is being paid \$5,000 per year. The previous code officer John Illingworth was paid \$8,900 and the Mayor would like to increase the current code officer's salary to \$8,000. and utilize him to do the inspections as part of the in-kind services for the sewer study. The Mayor stated that Mr. Hamacher has been an asset the village. The Dog Control Officer's budget line was discussed and so far this year is at \$2820 due to enumeration and numerous dog calls. The board is pleased as he is responsive to calls and residents are getting great service and he is very professional. The Village board will also have their salaries increased. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor's salary will increase \$1,000 per year and the Trustee's will receive a \$500 per year increase.

The DPW had presented the board with suggestions for equipment that was necessary for the upcoming year. The following are the suggested items for addition to this year's budget. A new lawn mower and a snow blower in order to do the sidewalks this coming winter. It can also be utilized to clear around grinder pumps for repair. There are also trees on Clay Street that need to be removed and they will come out of this year's budget. There is another one on West St. that will need limbs removed. They are also requesting a new Mud Sucker in order to better handle water issues that arise. The current piece of equipment is from 1984 and is on its 3rd motor. They also would like to purchase 10 new grinder pumps. The cost is far less when bought in that quantity than if bought individually. Many pumps have been replaced due to rags being flushed and caught in the pumps and burning out the motors. The DPW would also like to look at security camera for the plant in order to remotely monitor it for any problems that may arise. The Mayor commented that Rod and Zack have done a great job in modernizing the plant and this goes along way in monitoring all that goes on.

There is also a request for new software and a laptop for the Codes Office in order to better facilitate the sewer study. This will allow the Code Officer to track any violations.

SEASONAL EMPLOYEES: The Mayor stated there was \$14,500 in the budget last year for seasonal employees and he would like to increase the amount to \$20,000. Now is the time to really improve the look of the village and seasonal employees help with this. The Village essentially gave up a \$40,000 position with benefits and this fulfills this without hiring a full time employee. Work needs to be done at Lakeview Park and perhaps we can ask a local engineer to look at this make the necessary repairs.

Road repairs are needed and we have money in CHIPS to do some of it. We need to work with the County on this. We may need to have Legislator Reehil coordinate with the County and Village on this. The tonnage sign that used to be on Bridge Street was discussed and if we need to regulate all the truck traffic currently in the Village. The Mayor and DPW employees would like to start a snow plow reserve fund as the plow truck is quite old. Guardrails were also discussed and the Mayor believe the work can be done by our employees. We need to get pricing.

With all the increase discussed, we will have approx. \$1,000 in the contingency in the General Fund, \$4,700 in the Water Fund and \$10,231 in the Sewer fund. The Clerk will check again with Senator Schumer's office regarding grants for the Village and Trustee Schreiber will look into grants for the park.

Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, second by Deputy Mayor Tackman, all in favor.