

DATE OF MEETING: March 24, 2008

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Tracy Durkin
Trustee Wayne Osborn
Trustee Robert Murphy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Murphy said the purpose of the meeting was to give the residents and Board a chance to go over the Tentative Budget.

Trustee Murphy went over the Tentative Budget line by line (see attached). Trustee Murphy went over the chart he drew up showing the different costs associated with increasing the police line (see attached). Trustee Murphy opened the topic up to the Board.

Mayor Liffland said there was an ad in the paper about the budget discussion and it seemed the people were leaving it up to the Board to make the decision. He said he would be for increasing the police protection line to \$300,000.

Trustee Osborn had no comments.

Trustee Durkin stated she appreciated Trustee Murphy's work and she appreciated that he was conservative with his numbers. She stated she would like to hear what the public had to say about police coverage before making any decision.

Trustee Murphy opened the topic up to the public.

Janet Thomson, a resident of Orchard Street, asked if the village currently had 24/7 coverage. Mayor Liffland responded it did not. Ms. Thomson said she had to call the Sheriff's Office regarding a non-emergency issue at 4:13 P.M. and they responded at 4:49 P.M. She said she was satisfied with the \$300,000 police coverage the Mayor suggested.

Mr. Fred Feindel, a resident of Coulter Avenue, said it seemed that the State did not solve problems but rather filtered everything down to the local governments which seemed like double dipping. He said whenever he had to call 911 it appeared that the State Police were the first to show up.

Ms. Thomson said she was frustrated because the town has constables and village residents were part of the town so why did the village not get to use the constables.

Ms. Colette Zito, a resident of Tyrell Road, said she was frustrated with the low attendance at the Neighborhood Watch meeting. Ms. Zito said it was important to be proactive rather than reactive.

Mr. Earl Slocum said he was happy with the 7.58% increase because it would mean an extra \$16 a month towards his village taxes. He stated he did not want to see services cut

and if the public wanted to go with the extra \$100,000 he would pay the extra \$16 a month.

Mr. Feindel asked about the MS4 program. The Board explained it was an unfunded mandate from the federal government.

Trustee Murphy thanked everyone for coming out even though the Board was a little disappointed with the size of the crowd.

Trustee Osborn announced the Bulk Pick Up day would be April 26, 2008.

Mayor Liffland said the Triathlon would be held in May. Mayor Liffland said the Village of Pawling Justice Court received a grant for \$11,535.98 to purchase new office equipment and a metal detector.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk