

DATE OF MEETING: April 6, 2015

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Stan Mersand
Trustee John Burweger
Trustee Dan Peters

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to close the regular session and go into Executive Session at 6:31 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to close Executive Session and return to regular session at 7:11 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

The Board began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Liffland presented the Tentative 2015-2016 Budget. He said the tax rate would increase 1.68% which was keeping within the tax cap. The mayor said the biggest cost to the village is for police protection. He said to keep that line item at \$300,000 it would put the village over the tax cap so the board was looking at lowering it to \$200,000. Mayor Liffland said he thought the town should chip in with the village for the protection since there was nothing in their budget for it.

Trustee Mersand said the board worked very hard and eliminated everything they could to keep a good budget for what the village needs. Mayor Liffland said the only service that would be cut was the Sheriff's Department – everything else would remain the same. He also pointed out that the Sheriff's Deputies would still be using the Pawling Substation which would provide a police presence.

Trustee Burweger said it was a good budget.

Trustee Peters said everything stayed the same with the exception of the Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Liffland asked for any public comment.

Mr. Earl Slocum, a resident of East Main Street, said it was a great budget.

Mr. Dan Panzer, a resident of Elm Street, asked if the board raised their salaries. Mayor Liffland said they did. Mr. Panzer said that was a disgrace and when he was on the board he did not know he would get paid for it so he donated his salary to the Fire Department. He said that in tough economic times for the board to raise taxes meant it was time to look at the budget more closely.

Ms. Faith Phillips, a resident of the village, asked what police hours would be cut. Mayor Liffland responded the Dutchess Sheriff's Office is given an amount and they mix the hours up

dependent on necessity. Ms. Phillips said they should be on duty on the weekends in the morning for parking issues. She asked if the board knows how many parking tickets are handed out. The mayor said the court could provide a record of it and that the board is looking into hiring someone to enforce village parking.

Representatives of Municipal Solutions, Inc and Chazen gave a presentation on the services they offer to the village including possible grants and EFC funding.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to give the go ahead to Municipal Solutions Inc. and Chazen to get started on the grant. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to accept the Harlem Valley Car Club's Village Green and Public Assembly Events Permit Application for Permission to Use Public Property Within the Village pending submission of proper insurance documents. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the renewal of the insurance policies with Selective in the amount of \$28,033.13. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to approve Mayor Liffland signing the agreement with Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow and Mayle, LLP for Labor & Employment Counsel for 2015-2016. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the 28th Pawling Triathlon for June 6, 2015 contingent on the completion of an application and submission of proper insurance documents. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to accept the low bidder for the RFP for Metro North Landscaping from Pride Landscaping in the amount of \$1,900.00 for April 2015 – October 2015. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to waive the late penalty in the amount of \$10.95 for Water Account No. 021. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the purchase of a roller in the amount of \$22,000.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland announced that Bulk Pickup in the village is scheduled for May 2, 2015.

Mayor Liffland that Senator Murphy put the bill on the floor of the Senate for 10.77 million dollars.

Mayor Liffland reported the village was awarded \$55,000+ grant for the Haight Street Sidewalk Improvement Project through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mayor Liffland reported that after the audit by the Comptroller's Office was done that the village received a letter saying that no further action was necessary.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to approve payment for the March 23, 2015 prepaids in the amount of \$22,300.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve payment of the March bills in the amount of \$195,073.80. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 P.M. and go into Public Comment. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk