

DATE OF MEETING: April 4, 2016

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the Clerk's father who passed away.

**MOTION** by Trustee Mersand to open the Public Hearing on the tentative budget for 2016-2017. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Burweger said it was a very good budget.

Trustee Slocum concurred.

Mayor Liffland asked for any public comment.

Ms. Betsy Montgomery, a resident of Quaker Hill Road, said it was a great budget and she thanked the Board for their work on it. She asked how many people were counted on the Health Insurance –Hospital/Medical Insurance. The Treasurer said it was most full time employees with a few exceptions. She said if part timers wanted to buy in they have to reimburse the village the full amount of the premium. Ms. Montgomery asked if the cost to the village was offset with the amount paid by the employees. The Treasurer said the amount would be offset by the amount paid in by the employees. Ms. Montgomery asked what the percentage of reimbursement was for full time employees. The Treasurer responded it was 80% village and 20% employee.

Mr. Daniel Panzer, a resident of Elm Street, commented the Board should look to reduce the overall spending. He asked where the money went. He said for \$1.2 million dollars a year he should be able to see more being done. Mr. Panzer said the Board should look at each individual bucket to see what the money is being spent on.

The Board kept the Public Hearing open.

Ms. Amy Farrell said the art banners from the Village Green were taken down and were being repaired. She asked if they could be hung again in the nicer weather. The Board said they were okay with hanging the banners back up again. Ms. Farrell stated that Art East was working on a new collaborative art project with art students from the school and Art East artists. The project is to artfully paint a fiberglass turtle and place it in the village. The Board was in favor of putting it near the gazebo on the Village Green.

There were no comments on the pawlingtaxcut.org issues and solutions.

**MOTION** by Trustee Mersand to approve payment of the March bills in the amount of \$99,345.82. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**MOTION** by Trustee Slocum to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and go into Public Comment. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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Village Clerk