

DATE OF MEETING: April 15, 2019

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Dan Peters
Trustee Earl Slocum
Trustee John Burweger
Trustee Lauri Taylor

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

MOTION by Trustee Peters to close the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 tentative budget at 7:00 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Liz Shedd, Village Treasurer, went over the tentative budget.

She stated the General Fund's proposed budget for fiscal year June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 is \$1,669,342. She said that is the total of \$1,245,236 raised by taxes, \$311,606 from estimated revenue sources and \$112,500 appropriated from the fund balance. She said the Village's allowable Tax Levy Limit for the upcoming fiscal year ending May 31, 2020 is \$1,292,277. She explained the Board proposes to stay \$47,040 below that limit; that is half of a percent increase over the current fiscal year's Tax Levy. Ms. Shedd stated that although this is an increase of the total Levy, there is a decrease in the mil-rate for the upcoming year, so it is possible that you may actually see a small decrease in your upcoming Village tax bill.

Trustee Peters said it was a spectacular achievement.

Trustee Burweger said he was pleased with it.

Trustee Slocum said it was a great job.

The Mayor asked for any public comment.

Mr. Lou Musella, a resident of Gristmill Avenue, said a great job was done.

Mr. Drew Montgomery, a resident of Quaker Hill Road, asked about the Sheriff's line. He said they were really servicing the County and not just the village and the village seems to pay a lot for that. Mayor Liffland said it was for safety within the village boundaries and the deputies remain in the village unless there is an emergency. There was discussion about returning to a village police force and the parameters of the Sheriff's coverage.

MOTION by Trustee Slocum to close the Public Hearing at 7:08 P.M. and return to regular session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Slocum to adopt the 2019-2020 budget as presented (see attached). **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Mayor Liffland to appoint Lauri Taylor as liaison to the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. Trustee Peters said he wanted to applaud Lauri Taylor for accepting the position because she has a lot of experience to offer and it will save the village money having her perform the duties since she would be completing the MS4 report and attending MS4 meetings. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between the County of Putnam and the Village of Pawling regarding the liquid brine facility. **SECONDED** by Trustee Slocum. Trustee Peters again applauded Lauri Taylor for pointing out how important the agreement might be to the VOP. He said it would be a plus to the highway department- the largest of which was giving us access to their liquid brine to pretreat roads before winter storms. He said Trustee Taylor was also attempting to secure the funds to set the village up for the brine. Trustee Taylor said the other part of the IMA that is very helpful is that they have diagnostics that we don't have for our trucks and it also opens the door to borrow equipment. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the Shared Services Agreement between the NYSDOT and the Village of Pawling regarding sharing of services, exchange or lending of materials or equipment. **SECONDED** by Trustee Taylor. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve participation in a County-Wide Shared Services application for County's Worker's Compensation Self-Insured Shared Service. **SECONDED** by Trustee Taylor. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve Municipal Solutions Inc. proposals for – proposed well project and general financial services. **SECONDED** by Trustee Taylor. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve Chazen Companies proposal for Water Source – Environmental and SEQRA Support. **SECONDED** by Trustee Taylor. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve the Comcast proposal (see attached). **SECONDED** by Trustee Taylor. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Slocum to approve the minutes from March 4, 2019, March 18, 2019 and April 1, 2019. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M. and go into Public Comment. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to return to regular session and close to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 7:26 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Slocum. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to close Executive Session, return to regular session and close the meeting at 7:43 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk