

DATE OF MEETING: November 20, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lauri Taylor
Trustee Jerry Locascio
Trustee Arthur Guzzo
Trustee Stephen Pezzella

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

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to open the Public Hearing on the tentative Garbage Budget for 2024 at 7:01 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Guzzo. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Locascio stated there was a \$37 increase per unit for the proposed 2024 Garbage Budget which would bring the total cost per unit to \$286. He stated there were a few reasons for the increase and to put the \$286 into perspective that the garbage is picked up every Monday and the recycling is picked up twice a month on Tuesdays, there is the annual bulk pick up, the Christmas tree removal as well as pickups throughout the village of all the receptacles. He said the Town Transfer Station was charging \$380 a year for a sticker and for Welsh to do a residential pickup it would be either \$481 or \$534 depending on the canister size. He stated for \$286 he thought it was still reasonably priced. Trustee Locascio said in prior budgets money was taken from the Fund Balance to offset the numbers to keep the increase lower however the village was getting a new truck delivered next year (the village had been working on replacing the 2001 truck for about 6 years) which cost approximately \$215,000. He stated the village only has so many years to pay that off so he was hoping to use whatever Fund Balance that was not used in this budget to help offset some of that cost. He explained rather than keeping the current budget low and then having a big increase next year because of the bonds for the truck hopefully the Board could pay down a decent amount on the truck.

Trustee Guzzo asked if they come in short on any of the lines does it go into the Fund Balance and could it be offset the following year if there was more money left over. Trustee Locascio said yes for the garbage fund because it was separate from the general budget. He said if there were funds left over it would get put into the Fund Balance.

Trustee Pezzella asked about the increase in the price for personnel – he said everything was fairly low but personnel was a 25% jump. Trustee Locascio responded when the Highway guys are doing garbage they charge their time to garbage and there was an increase in their salary last year that he guessed they did not figure enough during the budget process the previous year. He stated it was increased quite a bit this year in the hopes of when the village budget is done in June of 2024 that the Board would be able to give them a raise. Trustee Locascio stated they were having manpower issues at the Highway Department with people leaving because the rate they are being paid is low and guys are leaving for greener pastures with more money and that would have to be addressed.

There were no further questions or comments.

MOTION by Mayor Taylor to close the Public Hearing on the Garbage Budget for 2024 at 7:05 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Locascio. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pezzella to approve the minutes from October 16, 2023 and November 6, 2023. **SECONDED** by Trustee Guzzo. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Guzzo to approve the 2024 Garbage Budget as presented (see attached). **SECONDED** by Trustee Locascio. Trustee Locascio stated that Liz the Treasurer worked very hard on this budget as she does with all the budgets and she is retiring at the end of the year. He stated he wanted to thank her on behalf of the Board for all her hard work. He said they appreciate it and wish her the best of good luck. Mayor Taylor, Trustee Pezzella and Trustee Guzzo thanked Treasurer Shedd as well. Treasurer Shedd thanked everyone. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Mayor Taylor to approve Change Order No. 1 for Kasselmann Electric Co. Inc. for Contract 4 Electrical Construction – Lower Baxter. **SECONDED** by Trustee Locascio. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Mayor Taylor to approve the proposal for Engineering Design Services for the Anderson Way Water Main Replacement Project from LaBella Associates in the amount of \$51,500.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Locascio. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Guzzo to approve the Village Green and Public Assembly Events Permit for St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Nativity Display. **SECONDED** by Trustee Pezzella. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Guzzo to deny the waiver of the penalty for Water Account No. 10111. **SECONDED** by Mayor Taylor. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to deny the waiver of the penalty for Water Account No. 10328. **SECONDED** by Trustee Pezzella. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Pezzella to approve the Metro North Treasurer's Report for October 2023. **SECONDED** by Trustee Locascio. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Dan Stone, a representative from La Bella, reported that:


Lower Baxter was coming along fine, everybody was working hard and

Flow testing would be done in the Grandview, Orchard and East Main areas.

Mayor Taylor said she was very impressed with the Lower Baxter contractors.

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to approve payment of the Metro North bills in the amount of \$2,117.25. **SECONDED** by Trustee Pezzella. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Pezzella. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.


Village Clerk

2024 Tentative Garbage Budget

	1/2022 – 12/2022 Expenditures	1/2023 – 12/2023 Budget	1/1/23-10/10/23 Expenditures	1/2024-12/2024 Tentative Budget
Personnel Services	76,995	80,500	71,103 (20 of 26 P/Rs)	100,000
Social Security	4,753	4,991	4,391	6,200
Medicare	1,112	1,168	1,027	1,450
Retirement	8,085	9,800	not available yet	11,624
Contingency		5,000		10,000
Truck Repair	18,382	14,000	13,290	19,000
Tipping Fees	89,237	96,622	9 of 12 months 74,847 includes recycling	108,000 Includes recycling
Recycling	1,053	2,067	See Tipping Fees	see tipping fees
Administration	Rent 1,500 Other 851 Software 706	Rent 1,500 Other 1,700 Software 3,000	Rent 1,500 Other 1,126 Software 1,555	Rent 1,500 Other 1,200 Software 1,600
Maintenance	3,129	2,714	785	1,064
Fuel	4,500	10,500	---	6,630
BAN Principal	---	-----	----	----
BAN Interest	---	-----	----	----
TOTAL	210,303	233,562 ÷ 938 = \$249.00/unit	Approx.169,624 10-month total	268,268 ÷ 938 = \$286.00/unit