

**VILLAGE OF MINOA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 13, 2014**

SPECIAL MEETING

Upon due notice to all members of the Village Board, a Special Meeting was called on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the Municipal Building in the Board Room, 240 N. Main Street, Minoa, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Donovan
Trustee Abbott
Trustee Brazill
Trustee Champagne (*Absent*)
Trustee Christensen
Clerk-Treasurer DeVona

ALSO Fire Chief Erich Schepp

PRESENT:

Mayor Donovan opened the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

VILLAGE BUDGETS

Mayor Donovan said the purpose of the meeting is to work on the Village Budgets for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

REVIEW OF BUDGETS

The village board reviewed the Water Fund Budget; no changes were made to the first model.

Mayor Donovan and the Village Board reviewed the Sewer Fund Budget and discussed the history of the village sewer rent with regards to the city sewer rate, \$362.28 and county sewer rent \$358.68. The village has not increased the rent in almost ten years and with the increased cost of payroll, retirement, health care, maintenance of aging equipment and infrastructure the cost of doing business is demanding an increase in sewer rents. Mayor Donovan stated the GIGP project will help reduce expenses such as removal of biosolids, utilities cost however it has taken almost two years of paperwork and requirements with EFC to even get the project out to bid.

Trustee Brazill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abbott to increase the sewer rent rate from \$135.00 to \$145.00 effective with the August 1, 2014 billing. All in favor. Motion carried.

There were no other changes to the sewer fund budget.

The board reviewed the General Fund Budget.

Below are points of discussion from the meeting:

- Salary increases were discussed regarding employees out on workers' compensation claims, part-time versus full-time and history of salary increases across departments.
- Replacement of East Avenue; Mayor Donovan stated after discussions with DPW Superintendent Petterelli East Avenue will be resurfaced in the current budget which will satisfy the issues of the street for another four to five years at which time the village board will consider bonding for the project which will cost approximate \$500,000.00 as the road needs to be taken down to the base and built back up.
- Fire/EMS – Mayor Donovan asked Fire Commissioner Brazill if he has received any answers or an update from President Erard regarding the termination of lease agreement for the pole barn. No answer or update has been received by Fire Commissioner Brazill to date. Fire Commissioner Brazill contact President Erard during the meeting via telephone; President Erard answered however he stated he was in the middle of something and

couldn't talk.

- Discussion took place regarding the portion of money currently received by the Minoa Fire Department Inc from the Town of Manlius Fire Protection Contract. Trustee Brazill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abbott to change the portion of the Town of Manlius Fire Protection Contract paid to the Minoa Fire Department Inc be changed to \$15,000.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Donovan asked that Clerk Treasurer DeVona to follow up with President Erard on the following items before the next village board meeting on March 17, 2014: Audit and Revenue/Expense Report of Minoa Fire Department, Inc funds, membership decision regarding the pole barn, lease termination agreement will include changes requested by the department to include "other events to be held by the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department, Inc outside of the annual field days", etc.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Abbott and seconded by Trustee Christensen that the Special Meeting be adjourned at 8:36 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. DeVona

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