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Manlius Historical Society
Minoa Library
John Regan

April 14, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING Upon due notice to all members of the Village Board, a Public Hearing on the Tentative
TENTATIVE Village Budgets for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 was held on Monday, April 14, 2008 at the
VILLAGE Municipal Building, 240 N. Main Street, Minoa, New York.
BUDGETS 2008-
2009

PRESENT: Mayor Donovan
Trustee Cronk
Trustee Theobald
Trustee Champagne
Clerk/Treasurer Snider
Attorney Courtney Hills

ABSENT: Trustee Brazill and Attorney Primo

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Pede and John Sears

Mayor Donovan opened the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budgets for FY 2008-2009 at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Cronk.

Mayor Donovan then presented the First Model of the Water Fund with Appropriations of \$43,688.75; Estimated Revenues of \$43,688.75; and Unexpended Fund Balance of \$0.

Mayor Donovan presented the Second Model of the Sewer Fund with Appropriations of \$641,202.00; Estimated Revenues of \$528,289.00; and Unexpended Fund Balance of \$112,913.00.

Mayor Donovan then presented the Fifth Model of the General Fund with Appropriations of \$3,019,274.00; Estimated Revenues of \$1,592,008.00; Amount to be Raised by Tax of

\$1,105,047.00; and Unexpended Fund Balance of \$322,219.00.

Audience Comments

Mike Pede

- Requested clarification on Sewer and General Fund accounts i.e., insurance, salary breakdowns, contingency accounts and bond payments. Mayor Donovan and Clerk/Treasurer Snider provided detailed information for each question.
- Asked why there was a need for an Epoxy Floor System in Station I located in the Municipal Building? Mayor Donovan said that when the building was built the epoxy floor was not installed due to budget restraints on the project and the flooring needs to be installed for safety reasons to reduce the possibility of injuries to firefighters and ambulance personnel.
- Codes Enforcement – does the Village of Fayetteville reimburse Minoa? The Village of Fayetteville has an inter-municipal agreement with Minoa that pays for half of the Codes Enforcement Officer's salary, employee benefits and training expenses.
- Library – does the village receive any funds from Onondaga County for the library? The Minoa Free Library is funded through the ESM school budget, donations and the Village of Minoa supports the library with in-kind services such as rent-free space, heat, electric, etc.

John Sears

- Asked if there was a discussion about raising the Board's salary by 2.8% and the Board said that rate was not discussed and an increase was never included in the budget process. Mayor Donovan stated that they had considered a 3.5% increase for everyone and the Board decided to maintain the current schedule or every other year.
- Expressed concerned that the Court was using an inexpensive tape recorder should there be a trial.
- Stated that Minoa does not have commercial growth compared to other local villages and they have recreation departments. Mayor Donovan said that Minoa is a bedroom community and they do not have the commerce that Fayetteville or Manlius and that the residents have stated in the past that they want to keep it that way.
- He asked for justification of the Board's salary and if they kept timekeeping records. Mayor Donovan said the Trustees work as Department Heads for recreation and manage the community events that we currently have. He said the Board periodically reports and adjusts their time to NYS Retirement as needed. The Board's salary is as follows: Mayor - \$16,698, Deputy Mayor - \$8,244, & Trustees - \$7,044

- Asked if Dan Cunningham received retirement benefits while under Mayor Regan – the answer is no.
- Asked if the Clerk/Treasurer received a 2.8% increase? Mayor Donovan said she received 3.5% as did the majority of the employees.
- Expressed concern about the deterioration and ice buildup on the Municipal Building and said that it was a safety hazard to the residents and that the orange barrels placed around the building were not enough protection.
- Stated that heating with fossil fuels was expensive and asked about alternate power sources and if the village was trying to be energy efficient as possible. Mayor Donovan said that alternative fuels were discussed for buildings, but they were not yet practical, however; we are in the process of reviewing alternatives for DPW equipment.
- Asked if the Minoa Fire Department, Inc. was funded by the village. Mayor Donovan said the Minoa Fire Department consists of all volunteers and the village covers the operational expenses of running the fire department and the Town of Manlius shares in the cost with a 77/23 split for the territory we protect outside of the village for the Town of Manlius.
- What do they do with the Field Days money? Mayor Donovan said that was a fundraising venture held by the corporate side to help recruit and retain volunteers.
- Stated that the village could save money if the chief's used smaller cars. Mayor Donovan said they could not use smaller vehicles due to the amount of equipment they have to carry and the need for heavier vehicles with four wheel drive.
- Stated for the record that he did not see anything in the budget for fencing around the building for safety and that the system on the roof is not working to prevent ice. Mayor Donovan said that every building has ice and the municipal building is a large building. He said the system he was referring to helps alleviate the ice problem and building maintenance is part of the budget.
- Discussed the working habits of the DPW employees, duties, timekeeping requirements, etc. Mayor Donovan said the schedule is dictated as needed by the supervisor.
- Asked who paid and installed the sidewalks in Minoa Farms and was informed that the developer, Elliot Lasky, was responsible for the installation of the sidewalks as well as the street lighting.
- Expressed concern that Lewis Park was deteriorating and it needs another picnic table, more garbage cans, and the gazebo has been rusting since day one. Mr. Sears asked if there was money budgeted for the park and Mayor Donovan said there were funds budgeted for maintenance.
- Mr. Sears said the sign near the Methodist Church is taken down each winter, but should just be moved two feet to get it out of the way. Mayor Donovan will forward his comments to the DPW.
- Expressed concern over the pollution on Main Street due to the railroad and

suggested that the village clean up the black smoke under the pedestrian bridge and plant more trees. Mayor Donovan stated that the property he is referring to belongs to CSX Railroad and it is their responsibility to maintain the property.

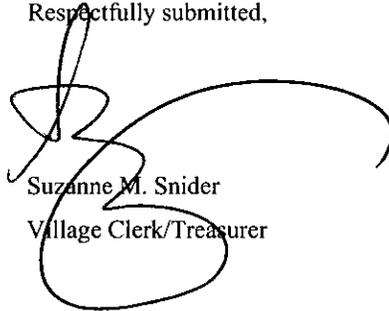
- Stated that the budget information was not online and that more advertising and/or posting should be done to bring in more residents to the meetings. Mayor Donovan said the Public Hearing for the budgets were properly noticed by website, legal notice, and posted around the village in prominent places.

Trustee Champagne excused himself from the Public Hearing at 8:33 p.m. due to illness.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board members regarding tax rates, low growth in Minoa Farms, reduced state aid, and the affect of gasoline prices on the budget. The presented General Fund Budget had a proposed tax rate of \$8.40 per thousand, which was consistent with previous years.

PUBLIC HEARING Motion by Trustee Cronk and seconded by Trustee Theobald to close the Public Hearing
CLOSED at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Suzanne M. Snider', written over the typed name and title.

Suzanne M. Snider
Village Clerk/Treasurer