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April 9, 2007

**PUBLIC HEARING
TENTATIVE
VILLAGE
BUDGETS 2007-
2008**

Upon due notice to all members of the Village Board, a Public Hearing on the Tentative Village Budgets for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 was held on Monday, April 9, 2007 at the Municipal Building, 240 N. Main Street, Minoa, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Donovan
Trustee Cronk
Trustee Brazill
Trustee Champagne
Clerk Snider

ABSENT: Trustee Theobald and Attorney Primo

ALSO PRESENT: John Risley and John Sears

Mayor Donovan opened the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budgets for FY 2007-2008 at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Champagne.

Mayor Donovan presented the First Model of the Sewer Fund with Appropriations of \$599,046.00; Estimated Revenues of \$525,720.00; and Unexpended Fund Balance of \$73,326.00. There were no questions from the audience.

Mayor Donovan then presented the First Model of the Water Fund with Appropriations of \$45,092.00; Estimated Revenues of \$45,092.00; and Unexpended Fund Balance of \$0. There were no questions from the audience.

Mayor Donovan then presented the Fourth Model of the General Fund with

Appropriations of \$2,818,702.00; Estimated Revenues of \$1,522,042.00; Amount to be Raised by Tax of \$1,025.403.00; and Unexpended Fund Balance of \$271,257.00.

Audience Comments

- John Sears asked why the NYS Aid changed and Mayor Donovan said that the payment was dependent on the State of New York.
- John Risley asked if there was an increase in property tax and if not, was it a result in increased property sales. Mayor Donovan replied that the budget is balanced on \$8.40 per thousand, which is consistent with prior years. He said that homes built in Minoa Farms today would not result in tax revenue until the 2008-2009 Fiscal year.
- John Risely asked if there would be more funding from the Town of Manlius for the Minoa Library. Mayor Donovan said that nothing has been confirmed, but he had heard that the Minoa Library was going to include an additional \$25,000 in the school ballot to make up for the shortfall created by the Town of Manlius. Mayor Donovan said that it his understanding that the Town of Manlius will no longer fund the Minoa Library. He said that the Village of Minoa provides the building and utilities for the Minoa Library.
- Mr. Sears asked how many residents showed up to the Clerk's Office to review the budget and was informed that no residents had asked to review the budget. Mr. Sears then asked how many had reviewed it the prior year and Trustee Cronk said that he knew of two residents that had reviewed the previous budget. Mr. Sears expressed his concern that the village residents were not properly notified of the meetings. Mr. Sears suggested that meetings be posted on the Lewis Park sign, website, newsletters, or by post-cards. Mayor Donovan clarified that regular meetings are advertised in newsletters and the village website. Mayor Donovan said that Special Meetings and Public Hearings are advertised in the Post-Standard and posted around the village as well. Discussion ensued regarding meeting notification procedures and attendance history.
- Mr. Sears asked if there was money budgeted for Lewis Park regarding the graffiti, gazebo maintenance and the light pole. Mayor Donovan responded that the Department of Public Works would handle the maintenance of the park.
- Mr. Sears asked what the duties were of the Animal Control Officer and Mayor Donovan suggested that he submit a FOIL request in the Clerk's Office for the job description.
- Mr. Sears asked why there wasn't a port-a-potty at the park and Mayor Donovan suggested that Mr. Sears limit his questions to the 2007-2008 budgets and keep on track with the business at hand.

PUBLIC HEARING Motion by Trustee Brazill and seconded by Trustee Champagne to close the Public
CLOSED Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Snider

Village Clerk