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APRIL 12, 2010

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PUBLIC HEARING
TENTATIVE BUDGETS
2010-2011

Upon due notice to all members of the Village Board, a Public Hearing on the Tentative Village Budgets for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 was held on Monday, April 12, 2010 at the Municipal Building, 240 N. Main Street, Minoa, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Donovan
Trustee Brazill
Trustee Christensen
Trustee Cronk
Clerk/Treasurer Snider

ABSENT: Trustee Champagne and Attorney Primo

ALSO John Sears
PRESENT: Pat Abbott

Mayor Donovan opened the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budgets for FY 2010-2011 at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Cronk.

Mayor Donovan explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to review and discuss the 2010-2011 Budgets. He said the proposed tax rate remains the same at \$8.30 per thousand. Mayor Donovan said the current Inflation Rate was at 2.1%, the health insurance increased by 10.5% and that NYS Retirement expenses increased by 26% for the Sewer Fund and 36.5% for the General Fund. He said the General Fund Budget increased by 1.3%, Sewer Fund Budget increased by 5.2% and the Water Fund Budget decreased by 3.5%.

Mayor Donovan then presented the First Model of the Water Fund with Appropriations of \$43,692.50. Estimated Revenues of \$43,692.50; and Unexpended Fund Balance of \$0.

Mayor Donovan presented the Third Model of the Sewer Fund with Appropriations of \$689,006.00; Estimated Revenues of \$526,600.00; and Unexpended Fund Balance of \$162,406.00.

Mayor Donovan then presented the Fifth Model of the General Fund with Appropriations of \$3,130,907.11; Estimated Revenues of \$1,623,961.00; Amount to be Raised by Tax of \$1,156,870.00; and Unexpended Fund Balance of \$350,076.11.

Throughout the presentation Mayor Donovan gave the public an opportunity to ask questions and/or make comments after each fund was presented.

Audience Comments

John Sears, 103 S. Main Street, Minoa, NY

Water Fund

John Sears asked if the bonding expenses were for the work that was done on the south side and what the bonding balance was. Mayor Donovan confirmed that it was the south side and the bonding balance was \$199,000 as of April 2010.

Sewer Fund

Mr. Sears had the following questions:

- Balance of Bond Principal - \$1,292,751 - which includes EFC Short Term Finance loan balance of \$1,156,751 for Sewer Rehab that expires in 2016 for upgrades at the Sewer Plant. Another is a Bond payment on Sewer System that ends FY 2004-2015 and the balance \$136,000 this year for work that was done on the South Side in 2004.
- Decreased interest revenue – decreased in budget due to low interest rates.
- Clarification on sludge removal costs - \$250 for the permit to deposit sludge in Watertown, NY and the current cost is .08 per gallon.
- Miscellaneous contractual and utilities. Mr. Sears suggested that an energy audit be done and Trustee Cronk said that Trustee Champagne had recently completed a complete energy audit through National Grid and insulation had been done, furnaces updated, and various Village buildings had new energy efficient lighting.
- Clarification of the work that Thomas Petterelli does to earn \$15,000 in the Sewer Department and Mayor Donovan said that Mr. Petterelli does whatever work is required for numerous projects.

General Fund

Mr. Sears had the following questions about the General Fund:

- What is the proposed tax rate? \$8.30 per thousand and remains the same.
- If Onondaga County discontinues the Sales Tax Agreement, how will it affect the tax rate? Mayor Donovan said that if the revenue is reduced then services and employees will be eliminated. He said that the reduction could potentially occur in January-May 2011 and June – December 2010 will remain consistent.
- What are the DWI funds? Trustee Brazill said that a percentage of fines pertaining to

DWI fines are budgeted into Fines & Forfeitures.

- Asked for clarification of State Aid on AIM and CHIPS program. Mayor Donovan said that he had received assurances from Senators and Assemblymen that CHIPS would remain the same and AIM would be reduced by 2-5%.
- What is the Codes Enforcement contract split with the Village of Fayetteville? 65/35
- Asked about shade trees and why does National Grid trim the trees? Mayor Donovan said that National Grid takes care of the trees around the power lines to prevent danger to the power lines that are a safety issue. Mayor Donovan said the village manages the trees in the right of way.
- Refuse and Garbage – asked for verification of insurance and Mayor Donovan said that NYMIR is the Workers' Compensation Insurance carrier.
- How many concerts are held in Lewis Park for \$900? Two concerts.
- ESM Youth Sports Program, what is the benefit to the Village of Minoa? Mayor Donovan said the program provides a lower cost service for Minoa youths which includes soccer, lacrosse, etc.
- Mr. Sears questioned the cost of paving for \$150,000 and said that his parents live on N. Manlius Road and wonders why Minoa has to be done all of the time when N. Manlius Road is rarely ever done. Mayor Donovan said the streets need to be repaired and maintained to prevent future problems. Mr. Sears said that the Village should put down stone and oil on the streets to save money.
- Mr. Sears said the Board Room attendant is paid \$60 and he should be at the Public Hearing to review the budget.
- Mr. Sears said the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer should be two part-time employees and not one full-time employee.
- Mr. Sears said that Clerk/Treasurer Snider should not have a raise when the economy is in a deep crisis and that if the Village of Minoa did not give anyone a raise, maybe one or two people would keep their job in the future. Mayor Donovan said that he was comfortable with the current budget and recognized that 2011-2012 would be a difficult year to budget.
- Mr. Sears said that there was a snow storm at the end of the year on a Thursday and that a new pickup truck that picks up brush was on his side of the street and in Minoa Farms. He said that he watched two guys and the truck didn't have any brush and saw a John Deere plowing air on the sidewalk. Mayor Donovan said that he was sure that the DPW employees were diligently working.
- Mr. Sears said that it was pretty sad that he was the only resident in attendance. Trustee Cronk suggested that he bring his friends and neighbors to the meetings. Mayor Donovan said that the Public Hearing was properly advertised in the Post-Standard, posted around the Village of Minoa, and on the Village website.

Pat Abbott arrived at 8:37 pm

**PUBLIC HEARING
CLOSED**

A motion was made by Trustee Brazill and seconded by Trustee Christensen that the Public Hearing be closed at 8:38 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Snider
Village Clerk/Treasurer