

VILLAGE BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
March 14, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Joyce Lobene, Mayor
Theodore E. Rauber, Trustee
Carol J. Nellis-Ewell, Trustee
Gary Penders, Trustee
Fritz Gunther, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Others Present

Karen Kimbler, Village Treasurer
Owen McIntee, SME Superintendent
Jackie Sullivan, Village Clerk
Tom West, DPW Superintendent

Mayor Lobene called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Treasurer Kimbler presented the 2012/2013 tentative budget to the Village Board with three outstanding questions to be resolved; the Mayor's salary, security cameras and the tax rate.

Treasurer Kimbler explained that the proposed budget is \$11,000 under the 2% allowable tax cap.

Trustee Rauber confirmed that \$11,000 is available for collection through taxes however at this time it is untapped.

Treasurer Kimbler indicated affirmative.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell indicated that at the Saturday workshop it was discussed that the \$5,000 for the joint youth project would not be used, but could be kept in the budget for potential use.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the contingency account.

Treasurer Kimbler explained that she has kept the tax rate the same and adjusted the unreserved fund balance to accommodate the various adjustments.

Mayor Lobene indicated that she would remove herself from the Mayor's salary discussion.

Trustee Rauber indicated that he is most comfortable with the \$3.45 tax rate. Trustee Rauber continued that he is in favor of the cameras and increasing the Mayor's salary to \$10,000 per year.

Mayor Lobene indicated that in addition to the graffiti the picnic table at Merz Park was damaged.

Discussion ensued among the Board members regarding the Mayor's salary. Trustee Gunther, Penders and Rauber agreed upon a salary of \$10,000 per year.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell commented that in previous meetings, although it could not be found in the meeting minutes, it was mentioned that a grant might be available for the security cameras. Trustee Nellis-Ewell continued by asking, because a grant has not been secured that the reason for the increase in cost from \$23,000 to \$35,000.

Clerk Sullivan responded that the materials cost \$23,000 and the additional \$12,000 was added for the electric department's labor costs for installing the fiber cable and cameras. Clerk Sullivan

continued that a member item has been requested from Senator's Maziarz's office and that is the only funding that has been pursued at this time. Trustee Nellis-Ewell questioned as to when that request was made.

Trustee Penders indicated that he contacted the office for crime prevention for possible funding sources because that is the agency that Churchville received their funding from. However it is understood that Churchville received their grant because they house NYS Trooper vehicles on their property.

Clerk Sullivan commented that Churchville received those funds through their state representative as a member item.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell indicated that she was unaware that the request had been made.

Mayor Lobene indicated that she made the request to Senator Maziarz's office.

Superintendent West indicated that when he was in Albany, Senator's Maziarz's representatives indicated that they have the request.

Trustee Penders indicated that he is fine with the Mayor's proposed salary of \$12,000 and the security cameras. Trustee Penders continued that he appreciates Trustee Nellis-Ewell's comment that the installation of security cameras could be sending the message that the Village is unsafe however the intentions of the cameras are to protect our assets. Trustee Penders added that he has talked with Attorney Olson and Attorney Olson spoke with a judge in Brockport and both indicated that cameras help.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell commented that the cameras will not stop anything, and questioned how useful will they be and they are costly to the tax payers.

Trustee Penders continued that the cameras are a deterrent to delinquent behaviors. Trustee Penders commented that the chain of custody is important with the videos gathered by the cameras.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell continued that when Chief Nordquist met with the Board he indicated that when underage individuals are caught, they need to be charged with a crime (misdemeanor or felony) and the DAs and judges are more likely to reprimand than to prosecute.

Trustee Penders commented the police have indicated that usually when the individuals are questioned they admit to the crime. Trustee Penders continued that tonight the Board is only deciding to budget for a placeholder for the cameras.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell commented that it is important that the public realize that this project is not a done deal.

Trustee Gunther commented that he is not in favor of the cameras and who will monitor the cameras and watch eight hours of video when an incident occurs. Trustee Gunther added that he is in favor of raising the Mayor's salary.

Trustee Rauber suggested using the contingency fund to purchase the cameras or if it is determined that the cameras are not needed the funds would be available for unforeseen expenses.

Trustee Penders responded that he did not take into consideration who will monitor the cameras or review video.

Clerk Sullivan responded that it will not be necessary to review eight hours of tape when an incident occurs. The entire system will be electronic and video can be fast forwarded and time stamped.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell commented that there will need to be some confidentiality with the video when an incident occurs.

Trustee Penders added that the police will be responsible for the chain of custody in the event of an incident.

Trustee Gunther commented that in his opinion chances are the incidents will be a result of kids under the age of 16 or 18 and that changing the batteries in the existing deterrent system and installing signs indicating that the area is being watched will work and in the event of an incident the perpetrators will confess.

Trustee Rauber inquired if we are far enough in the process to acknowledge that there should be a placeholder for the cameras in the proposed budget.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell questioned how far along in the process of implementing the security cameras are Trustee Penders and Clerk Sullivan.

Trustee Penders responded that quotes have been received from various vendors and both he and Clerk Sullivan continue to review additional vendors and are working with the Village of Churchville as a resource for vendor information.

Trustee Rauber asked the Board members if they were comfortable taking the line item dollar figures for security cameras to zero and placing an amount in the contingency fund possibly for cameras.

Treasurer Kimbler explained that the security camera project was to be funded by money from the computer reserve fund and that a resolution subject to permissive referendum is necessary to withdraw the money from the reserve fund for the project and cannot be used for any other projects.

Trustee Rauber suggested that the computer reserve be increased \$13,000 with the un-appropriated fund balance from the current year's budget, then when the resolution is to be made for the security camera system the public will have the opportunity to comment.

Treasurer Kimbler commented that the computer reserve fund has plenty of money to fund this project and future upgrades.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell indicated that she feels that the public will not be commented through the permissive referendum process for the security cameras and it could be said that the few residents who may speak do not represent the entire community.

Trustee Penders indicated that he feels the Board is responsive to the community input.

Trustee Rauber questioned as to how much money is in the computer reserve fund.

Treasurer Kimbler indicated that there is approximately \$53,000 in the computer reserve fund.

Trustee Gunther questioned the intent of the computer reserve fund.

Clerk Sullivan responded that the fund was established because software upgrades were costly in the past forcing the Village to do a large costly upgrade at one time in 2005. At this time the Village is consistently upgrading the software systems and that the fund is now used for special projects or in the event of an emergency.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell commented that in regards to the Mayor's salary she is very interested in consistency and that what we ask of others we ask for ourselves and that we give a raise for merit and based documentation of achievements and activities. The comparisons that were received were based on current information of a sample of mayoral salaries. Since the Village has the benefit of experienced staff that eases the burden of the Village Board by the staff's various skills and talents, success is by joint effort and that a 2% salary increase is appropriate.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell asked if the proposed increase in the Mayor's salary could be done by a separate Resolution.

Clerk Sullivan advised that it could not.

Trustee Rauber commented that he feels that a Board member earns their salary.

Trustee Gunther indicated that he feels we should be careful with the Mayor's salary and that the merit is reelection.

Clerk Sullivan commented that traditionally the Board members' salaries were adjusted for COLA.

Trustee Nellis-Ewell state that although she will support the Tentative 2012/2013 Budget overall, she does not support the significant increase in the Mayor's salary, only the 2%

Resolution 109 3/2012

Introduced by: Trustee Rauber

Seconded by: Trustee Penders

Be it resolved, that the Village of Spencerport Board of Trustees hereby approves the Tentative 2012/2013 Budget for Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2013, tax levy to be \$626,562.00.

Vote of the Board:	Theodore E. Rauber, Trustee	Aye
	Carol J. Nellis-Ewell, Trustee	Aye
	Gary Penders, Trustee	Aye
	Fritz Gunther, Trustee	Aye
	Joyce Lobene, Mayor	Aye

Resolution 110 3/2012

Introduced by: Mayor Lobene

Seconded by: Trustee Nellis-Ewell

Be it resolved, that the Village of Spencerport Board of Trustees hereby approves attendance at the New York Planning Federation Conference April 15-17, 2012 in Saratoga Springs, NY by two (2) planning board members. Cost not to exceed \$400 per person.

Vote of the Board:	Theodore E. Rauber, Trustee	Aye
	Carol J. Nellis-Ewell, Trustee	Aye
	Gary Penders, Trustee	Aye
	Fritz Gunther, Trustee	Aye
	Joyce Lobene, Mayor	Aye

Resolution 111 3/2012

Introduced by: Trustee Rauber

Seconded by: Trustee Nellis-Ewell

Be it resolved, that the Village of Spencerport Board of Trustees hereby approves attendance at the 2012 Preservation Conference Presented by the Landmark Society of Western New York on Saturday, April 21, 2012 by any member of the Village or Planning Boards and support staff member. Cost not to exceed \$70 per person.

Vote of the Board:	Theodore E. Rauber, Trustee	Aye
	Carol J. Nellis-Ewell, Trustee	Aye
	Gary Penders, Trustee	Aye
	Fritz Gunther, Trustee	Aye
	Joyce Lobene, Mayor	Aye

Resolution 112 3/2012

Introduced by: Trustee Gunther
Seconded by: Trustee Penders

Whereas, the Village has been informed by the [New York State Department of Transportation] [New York State Canal Authority] that the bridge on Union Street which crosses the Erie Canal will be closed from April 1, 2012 until May 31, 2012; and

Whereas, due to the abandoned railroad overpass which crosses Union Street, and weight limits on other streets and bridges which carry traffic into the center of the Village deliveries to areas between the abandoned railroad overpass and the canal bridge would be severely restricted; and

Whereas, §310-33 of the Spencerport Code authorizes the Village Board to alter the weight limits on Village Streets during times when the board deems it necessary due to repairs or other special circumstances; and

Whereas, the Village Board finds that the weight limit of the Union Street Bridge is one of the circumstances set forth in §310-33 of the Spencerport Code; and

Whereas, this action is a "Type II" action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and 6NYCRR617.5(c)(16) and not subject to review pursuant to SEQRA;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

Section 1. That from April 1, 2012 to May 31, 2012 the weight restrictions on the following village streets shall be removed: West Avenue

Section 2. That the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works is hereby directed to remove, cover or modify the weight limit signs or to post special signs to notify drivers of the changes.

Section 3. That, the Village Clerk shall transmit a copy of this Order to the Ogden Police Department, the Monroe County Sheriff and the New York State Police.

Vote of the Board:	Theodore E. Rauber, Trustee	Aye
	Carol J. Nellis-Ewell, Trustee	Aye
	Gary Penders, Trustee	Aye
	Fritz Gunther, Trustee	Aye
	Joyce Lobene, Mayor	Aye

Resolution 113 3/2012

Introduced by: Trustee Penders
Seconded by: Trustee Rauber

Be it resolved, that the Village of Spencerport hereby approves the Village Clerk and DPW Superintendent to attend the 2012 PERMA Annual Conference May 24 and 25, 2012 in Bolton Landing, Lake George, New York. Cost not to exceed \$350.00.

Vote of the Board:	Theodore E. Rauber, Trustee	Aye
	Carol J. Nellis-Ewell, Trustee	Aye
	Gary Penders, Trustee	Aye
	Fritz Gunther, Trustee	Aye
	Joyce Lobene, Mayor	Aye

Motion was made by Mayor Lobene, seconded by Trustee Rauber and carried unanimously that the workshop session be adjourned at 6:20 p.m.