

March 02, 2016

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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee Hinkson, Trustee McAvoy, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, and Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert. Clerk Schweigert advised the Board that the Basket Factory is in the process of reopening. They are applying for a liquor license and have provided the 30 day notice. They are asking that the 30 day waiting period be waived. Discussed this. Deputy Mayor Conley offered the following resolution, and Trustee McAvoy seconded it, WHEREAS, The Basket Factory, Inc., doing business at 2 (Two) Watson Avenue, Middleport, New York, 14105, intends to file for a New York State On Premise Liquor License; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 110-b of the Alcohol Beverage Control Law, an applicant must give the municipality thirty (30) days notice of the pending liquor license application; and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Middleport believes it to be appropriate to waive the thirty (30) day notice requirement. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Middleport Board of Trustees hereby waives the thirty (30) day notice period in regard to Basket Factory, Inc. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Middleport hereby supports the granting of a license to the Applicant. The vote on the preceding resolution was as follows: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0. The resolution unanimously passed. Mayor Westcott asked that the owners be advised that outdoor concerts will not be tolerated by the Village due to all of the problems in the past at this restaurant with noise ordinance violations. Clerk Schweigert asked the Board to consider renewing the contract with MP Fagan Ltd to run the Village's social website at a cost of \$760. Discussed this and determined this is beneficial to the Village. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to authorize MP Fagan LTD to continue running the Village's social website (www.middleportnewyork.com) at an annual cost of \$760. Carried, with all voting aye. Mr. Bobbitt asked the Board for their opinion on the carpet samples he had for the Scout House. Discussed cost in quote from JD Carpet. Installation cost seems steep. Mr. Bobbitt was asked to get prices from other places for carpet and/or installation. This will be discussed again at the March 21, 2016, meeting. At this time the Board of Trustees reviewed the proposed expenditures for the 20162017 budget. The roof of the Village Hall needs attention. Estimates are on the high side for silver coating, but Mr. Bobbitt feels the amount allocated for A1620.4 should remain as suggested. Discussed wages for non-union employees. Seasonal laborers for the DPW who worked summer of 2015 may not return this year. Will discuss the wages for these positions when they are filled as new hires will be paid minimum wage. Part-time seasonal employees will get a 25cent per hour increase. Part-time cleaner will be given 25-cent per hour increase. Chief Swick advised the Board of the raises he recommends for his employees. Clerk Schweigert advised the Board of the raise she recommends for her deputy. Remaining employees will receive a 2 percent raise as the union contract calls for a 2 percent raise for union employees. These expenditures will be calculated and added to the preliminary budget. Discussed the tax levy and tax rate. The current taxable assessments are lower than the assessment roll used last year. The tax levy will drop by \$775 if the current tax rate is used.

Mayor Westcott would like to see the tax levy at least stay the same for this year which will cause the tax rate to increase a small amount. The total amount the levy can increase in 201617 is \$1,667 based on the tax cap formula for this year. Discussed increasing the levy by that amount as well. Clerk Schweigert voiced her concerns about getting too close to the limit as that does not leave any room in case of arithmetic errors. Discussed increasing tax rate by 4 cents per thousand. This will increase the levy a small amount but will be under the tax cap. Clerk Schweigert will make calculations based on that amount and will forward to Board members for review. Discussed proposed revenues for the 2016-2017 budget. Trustee McAvoy noted that leasing revenues for the Verizon antenna have not been included. The amount will be added. There were a few other changes made to projected revenues, as well. Discussed increasing the rate to rent the Scout House and Pavilion at Rotary Park. Currently Village residents are charged \$75 to rent the Scout House and non-residents are charged \$150. The cost to rent the Pavilion is \$25 regardless of residency. This cost allows use of the Scout House restrooms. The current rates were set in 2000. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to increase the rental cost at the Scout House to \$100 for Village residents and \$175 for non-residents. The cost to rent the Pavilion will stay the same. Carried, with all present voting aye. The increase will take effect June 1, 2016. Anyone who currently has reserved the Scout House on a date after June 1, 2016, will be grandfathered in and charged the old rate. Starting March 3, 2016, any reservations made for a date after June 1, 2016, will be charged the current rate. All changes will be added to the preliminary 2016-2017 budget and will be forwarded to the Board for review so it can be discussed again at the March 21, 2016, meeting. There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca A. Schweigert Clerk-Treasurer