

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Barr, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, and Clerk-Treasurer VanBuren.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to terminate the Village contract with MP Fagan Ltd effective March 16, 2021, as well as Digital Towpath at the end of May 2021. They accepted a proposal from C&H PC to build a new website and host it for the Village. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize Attorney Dan Seaman to commence contract renewal negotiations with Spectrum regarding the Village Cable Franchise Agreement. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Trustee McAvoy introduced the Local Law regarding the 2 percent tax cap override that the Village wishes to enact.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to hold a public hearing regarding the tax cap override on March 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Discussed the changes to the budget that the Mayor and the Department Heads had suggested.

General Fund: The Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer line is zeroed out because the position is not being filled at this time as well as the fourth full-time police officer position is not anticipated to be filled. Chief Swick did increase the part-time police officer line to offset the loss of the fourth officer.

Clerk-Treasurer VanBuren informed the Board that she is waiting to hear from the Town of Royalton if they will share the cost of the summer swim program with the Village and the Town of Hartland. The summer swim program is also dependent on the state guidelines by June as well as the Royalton Hartland School District allowing us the use of the pool.

Water Fund: The Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer line is zeroed out because the position is not being filled at this time.

The Water Fund will once again buy additional water meters in the hope that the whole Village has new meters by the end of the 2022-2023 budget year. The meter rent charged quarterly is for the purpose of repairs and replacements to the meters and those revenues are deposited in the Water Fund. The Village may want to consider increasing this rate as it has stayed the same for close to 26 years.

Sewer Fund: The Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer line is zeroed out and the Plant Operator 1 line is zeroed out too.

Discussed how adding the debt service charge for the NYSDEC mandated upgrades at the WWTP will help fund the bond payment.

Discussed the need for an additional budget meeting. Once the expenditures are calculated, the tax levy and tax rate will be determined. Wages will need to be set, as well.

A motion was made Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to set a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the 2021-22 Village budget. Carried, with all present voting aye.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Blunrick, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye.
Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. VanBuren
Clerk-Treasurer