

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in the Village Hall. Mayor Dodge opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Barr, Coordinator Bobbitt, Sgt Johnson, and Clerk-Treasurer VanBuren.

Thomas Tedesco, from the Lockport Journal, attended the meeting as well.

Deputy Mayor Conley led the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize Mayor Dodge to execute the contract with Seaman Norris LLP to provide legal services to the Village of Middleport for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year with a monthly retainer fee per the terms of the contract. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Board reviewed the tentative revenues for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year in the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the tentative revenues as presented in the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Board reviewed the 2023-2024 projected budgeted expenditures for the General, Water, and Sewer Fund.

At this time, Mayor Dodge requested to confer with the Board regarding the 2023-2024 wages for the Non-Union Village Personnel. The Board decided to increase Chief Swick's wage and also made a \$1 per hour increase to Coordinator Bobbitt's wages.

Clerk VanBuren was asked to update the General Fund Expenditures and the Tax Levy and Tax Rate to reflect these changes.

The Board reviewed the Tax Levy and Tax Rate for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Discussion ensued regarding the tax rate.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the tentative expenditures as presented in the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to approve the preliminary tax levy for the 2023-2024 Budget Year as \$678,743.11 with a full value tax rate of \$9.16 per thousand and an actual tax rate of \$12.55 per thousand. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to set the Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget to be held at the Annual Reorganization Meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Annual Reorganization meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7 pm.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Barr, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. VanBuren
Clerk-Treasurer