

VILLAGE WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 16, 2017
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Norris, Trustee Zacharzuk, Assistant Clerk Drewes.
Absent: Trustee Trapp, Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella.

At 7:00 pm, Mayor Blundell made a motion to open the meeting. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion.

The tentative Village Budget, the result of our multiple workshops and input, was submitted by the Mayor on March 16. Mayor Blundell made a motion to have a public hearing on the budget Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7 pm. Trustee Norris seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell reviewed the general fund budget with the board. DM Kovalchik asked about the zoning fines and proposed increases in other budget lines. Mayor Blundell responded that this version will include some increased fees in materials management because of changes to the recycling fees. Originally there was no charge by UCRRA but this is now \$20/ton, which the Village now pays. Mayor Blundell stated increasing the price of garbage tags will help manage these cost increases.

Mayor Blundell stated again that the Village has stayed within the New York State tax cap again this year, which will positively affect our economy and taxpayers.

After the blizzard, Mayor Blundell asked the county for financial assistance. All were in agreement that Mayor Blundell should be authorized to create a declaration sanctioning snow removal of some Village sidewalks in an emergency management gesture. Trustee Zacharzuk expressed gratitude to the Village highway department for all of their efforts during, and after the storm.

RHFD – Contract was further discussed. Mayor Blundell presented a chart mapping the timeline for the fiscal years/contract expiration dates of the Town and the Village. FD is still demanding 4.75% per year increase on the \$105,000 budget line and resisting joint contract timing with the Town. The Town is paying only 4% over two years; an inconsistent stance by FD. DM Kovalchik inquired about what would happen if no contract was reached, and whether or not the FD would stop providing service if no money is exchanged. Mayor Blundell stated we are still paying money on terms of the old contract. He is looking into someone who can negotiate/mediate on behalf of the Village to meet in a compromise. Trustee Zacharzuk stated the Village should emphasize a combined contract and aligned negotiations with the Town. Mayor Blundell expressed that he does not want to sit at an impasse, and that the Village is currently honoring the old contract. The Village offered the FD 4% for 18 months and was rejected. Village will continue to discuss and work towards a solution.

At 8:13 pm, Mayor Blundell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes
Assistant Clerk