# Special meeting of the Trustees, Village of Lyndonville was held on Monday, April 29, 2013 at the Village Hall. Meeting opened at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT:	Mayor:	Stephen C. McAvoy
	Trustees:	James Tuk
		Ellen Tuohey
		James Whipple
		Danny Woodward Jr.
	Clerk-Treasurer	Teri Woodworth
	Supt. of Public Works	Terry M. Woodworth
	Code Enforcement Officer	Douglas Rue – Excused
	Attorney	David Schubel - Absent
	Fire Chief	Jason Gerety - Excused
	Public:	2

**ON MOTION** of Trustee Whipple, seconded by Trustee Woodward Jr., to open the public hearing of the tentative budget of the Village of Lyndonville for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2013 and the public hearing of the adoption of a Local Law to override the tax levy limited established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

• Nothing

## PRESENTATION OF THE 2013-2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

- Mayor McAvoy congratulated and thanked Clerk-Treasurer Woodworth and Trustee Tuk for all their hard work on putting together the 2013-2014 budget.
- Trusted Tuk Explained that the General Fund and Water Fund have a surplus in the 2013-2014 proposed budget and Sewer has a deficit. Trustee Tuk proposed Interfund Transfers from General and Water to help with the Sewer budget which would still leave Sewer with a \$4,000.00 shortage. Trustee Tuk stated Bookkeeper Gaesser sent over a letter estimating Fund Balances from the 2012-2013 budget of \$20,000.00 in the General Fund and \$40,000.00 in the Water Fund. Trustee Tuk noted that there are no contingency funds in the 2013-2014 proposed budget and some cuts were made and Superintendent Woodworth won't be getting a new truck in 2013-2014. Also the BAN payment is what is really hurting the budget.
- Mayor McAvoy asked if the proposed budget figures for the BONDS was based on prior to the refinancing. Trustee Tuk advised yes as we don't have the new payment schedules yet.
- Trustee Whipple asked if any budgets have increased. Trustee Tuk stated no, that actually the 2013-2014 proposed budget is \$132,000.00 less than the 2012-2013 budget.
- Trustee Tuk stated that the amount to be raised by taxes divided by the Village property tax \$10.43 per thousand would be a \$0.09 per thousand increase. Prior it was \$10.19 per thousand.
- Trustee Whipple stated that would be about 1.5% Property Tax increase. However a sewer increase is still needed to help maintain the Sewer budget.
- Trustee Tuk stated a 5% sewer increase would put the Sewer Rents around \$81,618.00. Trustee Tuk noted that normally rates were raised every three years roughly. Clerk-Treasurer Woodworth stated that the Village would have one quarter at the old rates and three quarters at the new rate based on our billing cycle.
- Trustee Whipple asked what the current Availability charge was and should we consider increasing it by \$5.00 per quarter. Clerk-Treasurer explained that the current charge is \$80.00 per year, equal to \$20.00 per quarter. However properties that have multiple units are charged \$80.00 per year for the first unit and \$40.00 per year for each additional unit.
- Clerk-Treasurer Woodworth explained that the Fire Department's budget wasn't done correctly in the past. The agreement with the Village and the Fire Department is to deposit any unspent funds in the Fire Departments reserve account at NYCLASS. However the correct way per the State Comptroller's Office is to restrict a portion of Fund Balance in the next year's budget and to budget for funds to be put into the Fire Departments reserve account. Clerk-Treasurer Woodworth explained to Trustee Woodward Jr. that the 2013-2014 proposed budget does not include the \$20,000.00 "truck payment" as in prior years. In previous years it was put in the budget without a code and the Village can't afford the \$20,000.00 in the 2013-2014 budget.
- Mayor McAvoy proposed exceeding the 2% Tax Cap. Trustee Whipple would prefer a 1.5% Tax increase with a 5% Sewer Rents increase and a \$5.00 Availability increase.

**ON MOTION** of Trustee Whipple, seconded by Trustee Tuohey to close the public hearing of the tentative budget of the Village of Lyndonville for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2013 and the public hearing of the adoption of a Local Law to override the tax levy limited established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

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### **RESOLUTION 2013-30** TAX CAP OVERRIDE

**ON MOTION** of Trustee Tuk, seconded by Trustee Whipple to adopt a Local Law 2013-1 to override the tax levy limited established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

Vote: 5 Ayes (McAvoy, Tuk, Tuohey, Whipple, Woodward Jr.); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

### **RESOLUTION 2013-31** 2013-2014 BUDGET

**ON MOTION** of Trustee Whipple, seconded by Trustee Tuohey to accept the 2013-2014 proposed budget as written with a 1.5% Tax Increase.

Vote: 5 Ayes (McAvoy, Tuk, Tuohey, Whipple, Woodward Jr.); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

- Superintendent Woodworth asked if the committees were working on the Village's response to the State Comptroller's audit. Trustee Whipple stated he was working on the IT Policy and Trustee Tuk is assisting. Clerk-Treasurer Woodworth volunteered to assist with the IT Policy as well.
- Mayor McAvoy stated that the Village's Comprehensive Plan will be \$3,600.00.
- Clerk-Treasurer Woodworth told the Board about the Basic Accounting School she attended by the State Comptroller's Office. Noted it would be a good idea for the Board members to attend to help better understand the daily, monthly and budget processes for the Village.
- Mayor McAvoy reminded the Board of the Supervisors meeting in Gaines on Wednesday.

**ON MOTION** of Trustee Whipple, seconded by Trustee Woodward Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Vote: 5 Ayes (McAvoy, Tuohey, Whipple, Woodward Jr.); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

*Terí* Woodworth Clerk-Treasurer