

Minutes of the Village Board special meeting held at 455 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on April 18, 2007 at 7:30PM

Present: Stephanie Berean-Weeks, Mayor
Joann Stabile, Neil Crouse, Patrick Kinney and Michael Kling, Trustees
Absent: None
Also Present: Kelly Naughton, Interim Attorney for the Village; John Burke, Town Supervisor;
William McClennan, Water/Sewer Superintendent

Public Hearing - FY2007/8 Budget:

Mayor Berean-Weeks explained that the portion of the budget that will be for Village expenses that were not previously realized is \$558,150. Of this amount, \$306,000 represents the tax anticipation notice (TAN) principal and interest that needs to be reimbursed. Trustee Kinney added that a hand-out has been prepared that separates the General Fund expenses by department, as requested at the last hearing.

Dick Manley asked for a further explanation of the Village's portion of the tax levy. Clerk Potvin explained that the amount of the tax levy for the Village portion would constitute 0.6152 per 1000 assessment. The entire General Fund tax levy is 1.4447 per 1000 assessment. Mr. Manley then asked if the Town and Village were on the same fiscal calendars. Mayor Berean-Weeks stated the Village's fiscal year is June 1 to May 31, where as the Town follows a January 1 to December 31 calendar.

Tony Houston of the Photo News asked what the purpose of the TAN was. Mayor Berean-Weeks explained that the Village needed to fund start-up costs until it was legally permit to levy taxes. The TAN funded the Village from its incorporation until May 31, 2007.

Jonathan Swiller asked if the legal expenses that were incurred to obtain the TAN were reduced in the FY2007/8 budget. Trustee Kinney stated the legal fees in the FY2007/8 budget is an estimate of costs for legal advise to the Village Board. It is difficult to determine an exact amount for this line-item and, therefore, a conservative estimate was made.

Sandra Capriglione asked why there is a difference of \$1000 from the previous handout that projected the actually cost of the Village versus the one handed out this evening. Trustee Crouse stated the previous handout included funds allocated for the Registrar which was thought not to be an existing expense realized by the Town, but has since been learned that it is.

With no further comments received, motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Kinney, to close the public hearing.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Berean-Weeks, Stabile, Crouse, Kinney, Kling
 NOES 0

Schedule Special Meeting:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Kling, to schedule a special meeting for April 26, 2007 at 7:30PM for the purpose of adopting the FY2007/8 budget.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Berean-Weeks, Stabile, Crouse, Kinney, Kling
 NOES 0

Comments by Village Board on Budget Changes:

Mayor Berean-Weeks stated the following changes to the budget will be made:

A3089	State Aide	Increase \$30,000
A1410.100	VC - Personal	Decrease \$3,500

She then stated verbal notification has been received from Bond Counsel stating that bonds that currently exist for the three water districts and three sewer districts remain the responsibility of the Town, so the Village cannot budget to pay these debts. This will also be adjusted in the budget.

Trustee Crouse suggested budgeting \$3,500 for the development of a Village website. A line-item will be created prior to adoption.

Trustee Stabile stated she has some concerns about the budget but would not like to discuss them at this time.

Trustee Kinney thanked Mayor Berean-Weeks and Clerk Potvin for all the work they did to create the budget.

Trustee Kling thanked the Town Board for the assistance that was given during the budget process. He added that he hopes the two Boards continue to work together.

With no further business to discuss, motion was offered by Trustee Kling, seconded by Trustee Stabile, to adjourn the meeting at 8PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Berean-Weeks, Stabile, Crouse, Kinney, Kling
NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk