

Village of Campbellsport

SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

12/03/2013, 7pm

Village Council Room - 177 East Main Street

The meeting was called to order by Village President Pat Twohig at 7:02 pm. Board members present were Steve Schickert, Joanne DelPonte, Janet Hafemann, Dave Schellhaass, and Dave Krebs. Also present were President Pat Twohig and Village Clerk-Treasurer Becky Tellier. Others in attendance: Mark Gruber, Jen Vodak, Leslie Carpenter, Don Miller, Dean Uelman, and Stephanie Remillard. Absent: Robert Guenther.

The meeting started with discussion on the 2014 Budget and the maximum allowable tax levy limit amount. The \$5 per capita charge the Village is expected to pay to the Ambulance Department was not anticipated and, therefore, added \$10,045 in expense. Per our auditor, if the Village would pass this charge on to the residents through a new fee or assessment, that amount would be deducted from the maximum amount the Village is allowed to levy. It can be done, but would #1-require the Village to reduce the tax levy, and #2-needs to be absorbed into the operating budget of the Village. There also would not be a way to collect this per capita charge from the entities that do not pay taxes. A resident also suggested that the sewer utility collect an additional \$6000/per year for the next 5 years to pay for the sewer portion of the Washington Street Project. The Village Board has already approved a 4% increase to the current rate of \$8.78 per 1000 gallons which brings the rate up to \$9.13 beginning with the Quarter 1 2014 billing. The board has also approved the elimination of the pool credit and sprinkling credit starting in 2014. Public Works Director, Mark Gruber, explained that even with the rate increase and elimination of sewer credits the utilities will still see a decrease in revenues in 2014 due to: #1 the changes occurring at the convent, and #2 past history has shown that when rates increase residents tend to conserve on usage.

PR Twohig made some suggestions to the board to balance the budget. The board members also discussed looking into different options for health insurance for the 2015 budget. A committee will meet with agents and come up with alternatives. The idea is not to take away from the employee benefits, but instead to find something comparable or better.

TR Schellhaass made the motion to accept the budget with the changes suggested as long as the tax levy amount does not exceed \$952,827. TR Krebs seconded the motion. (Aye-6, Nay-0) The information will be forwarded to the auditor for final approval.

The Personnel Committee has interviewed 5 candidates who were interested in the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position. TR Schellhaass made the motion to allow the Personnel Committee and/or the Village Clerk-Treasurer to offer the position so the process can move forward without the need for an additional meeting. TR Krebs seconded the motion. (Aye-6, Nay-0)

The motion to adjourn was made by TR Krebs at 8:47pm and seconded by TR DelPonte.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Tellier
Clerk/Treasurer