

The Year-End meeting of the Village Board was held on December 30, 2024 at 7pm

Present: Mayor Knight

Trustees: Kevin Young, Robert Tinker, Sheryl Adams, Amanda Fernandez- absent

Also present: Clerk Melanie Laraway, Fire Chief Darwyn Gregory

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7 PM with Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight extended condolences to Code Officer Stannard for the loss of his mother and wished Trustee Fernandez's father a speedy recovery.

Fire Chief Gregory and Clerk Laraway requested the Fire Department Savings account be moved from Greene County Bank to an NBC Bank savings account, to obtain higher interest rates. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to move the savings account. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Fire Chief Gregory and Clerk Laraway requested the NBC savings account have balance of \$10,000 and the remaining balance be moved to NYCLASS due to higher interest rate. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to move the balance of money to NYCLASS for a higher interest rate. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight explained end of year budget numbers. Village ended up with a surplus of about \$45,000 due to several revenue line items having come in higher than expected.

Clerk Laraway presented to the Board a list of funds line items to be transferred to cover expenses.

- A1325.1 to A1325.2 \$883.56
- A1325.11 to A1325.2 \$11.24
- A1620.4 to A1620.41 \$4263.67
- A9030.8 to A1620.41 \$4735.51
- A3120.1 to A3120.4 \$64.97
- A5110.4 to A5110.8 \$258.70
- A5142.2 to A5142.4 \$596.14
- A1010.4 to A1420.44 \$625.47
- A8010.1 to A8010.4 \$990.15
- A100.1 GMM to A102.12 Equipment Fund \$39,000.00.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve transfer of funds as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Clerk Laraway presented the Board with list of funds to be encumbered to the 2025 Budget.

Encumber Funds:

- A1325.2 to A1620.41 \$2,500.00 (*Village Clerk Equipment*)
- A5182.4 to A5182.4 \$3,461.00 (*Street Lighting Expenses*)

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to approve encumbrment as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

The board discussed authorizing DPW Superintendent to purchase a used F350 truck in an amount not to exceed \$55,360.00. It was the consensus of the Board to get quotes for a new stripped-down truck and compare cost, new vs. used before deciding best route to go.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to start 2025 salaries and payroll rates the first full pay period in the new fiscal year. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

RESOLUTION #18 2024 and move for its adoption: RESOLVED, WHEREAS General, Water and Sewer there are insufficient funds in some codes and charges in others, I move the following increases in Appropriations be made in the following accounts: and the following appropriations be decreased in the following accounts: See attached report "2024 Budget vs. Actual for Accounts." Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to pass resolution as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker Instructing the Clerk to close the books for the year January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$110,013.51

were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$1,682.00 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$425.00 were audited and ordered paid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight discussed County Infrastructure Grant: \$1,000,000 for housing projects; \$500,00 for eligible infrastructure projects. Applications/projects require a 50% match from state/county/local agencies. Letter of intent will be due Monday January 13, 2025. The grant is geared for housing projects, and the County can only receive one project grant. It was the consensus of the Board that there are no viable projects right now.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to approve the following: As per a Motion of the Village Board of Trustees on June 19, 1989, the Department of Public Works is hereby instructed to install a "Dead End" sign at the end of Baker Avenue since the Village Street ends before the bridge. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

The Village received a signed petition requesting a new crosswalk be installed from Baker Avenue to the opposite side of Main Street. Mayor Knight noted that only 8 Village residents signed the petition. The Board discussed its previous engineering estimate of \$20,000 to \$30,000 to complete the project; the Board also discussed that one handicapped parking spot would have to be eliminated and the bus stop would have to be relocated, which would result in more parking spots being eliminated. It was the consensus of the Board that while this proposed crosswalk is a good idea, it is not logistically or financially feasible at this time. Trustee Young discussed looking into installing more safety lights for the crosswalks that we already have, namely at the High School and Railroad Avenue.

Trustee Tinker discussed getting the dirt piles from the Gorge Creek sediment pond removed as soon as possible. If the Village doesn't have the equipment to get piles of dirt removed, Village should investigate getting quotes from contractors for the dirt removal. Mayor Knight said the Village DPW has removed 35% of the piles – in addition to removing the existing pile and building an access road on the site this year – but that he would look into getting quotes to expedite the process.

Clerk Laraway presented the Board with Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual reports from January to December 2024.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to adjourn meeting at 7:36pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melanie Laraway - Clerk