

PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE TENTATIVE BUDGET

LOCATION: MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 4303 MAIN STREET  
PORT HENRY, NY 12974

DATE: APRIL 12, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Guerin, Trustees Brassard, McDonough,, Rich, and Viestenz, Deputy Superintendent of Water and Street; John Tromblee, Chief Water and Waste Water Operator; Carl Perry, Port Henry Fire Department Chief, Jim Hughes and Treasurer Jurkiewicz.

ABSENT: None

ATTENDANCE: Linda Smyth, Jackie Viestenz, and Ann Tesar

Mayor Guerin called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the salute to the flag.

Copies of the proposed budgets for the General, Water, Sewer and Joint Activity Funds, a list of non-discretionary and discretionary items, and a listing of the tax-exempt properties in the Village were handed out to the Board and the public in attendance.

Mayor Guerin asked the Treasurer to go through the proposed budget and list of items. The Treasurer explained that the non-discretionary items will be higher for the next fiscal year due to increases in insurance costs, retirement costs and labor, per the union contract. The list of discretionary items was reviewed next. Mayor Guerin then asked for questions and comments from the public.

The majority of those in attendance had attended the previous budget workshops. There was some discussion regarding the proposed revenue for the campground, as the number of seasonal campers at this time is less than anticipated. It was decided to leave the proposed budget as presented. There was then a brief discussion regarding the increased cost for the code enforcement officer. There followed a discussion regarding the replacement of the Village water meters and the associated debt the Village will incur to move forward with this project.

The budget summary of the proposed appropriations, revenues and usage of unexpended fund balances and resulting property tax levy were reviewed next. It was pointed out that the total Taxable Village Property Value has dropped by \$176, 494 since last year. The Treasurer noted that this was due to a change in assessed valuations for some Village properties. The value of tax-exempt properties for the current year will be the same as last year. As proposed, the net of the appropriations and revenues for the General Fund, plus the use of \$65,000 from the unexpended fund balance would result in a tax levy of \$499,694, or \$10.028 per thousand. The proposed revenues and expenditures for both the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund were in balance, requiring no use of those fund balances. For the Joint Activity Fund, the appropriations were higher than the revenues by \$27,751. As the expenses for FYE 2010 were lower than anticipated, thus increasing the JA fund balance, it had been decided to use those funds to lower the revenues needed to be contributed by the Town of Moriah and the Village of Port Henry. The Treasurer noted that Tom Scozzafava, Supervisor Town of Moriah had reviewed the proposed JA budget and approved said budget.

Motion was made by Trustee Rich, seconded by Trustee McDonough to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:23 pm to enter into a Special Meeting to adopt the budget. Yes; Mayor Guerin, Trustees Brassard, McDonough, Rich, and Viestenz. No; none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Adjourned

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Village Treasurer

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF PORT HENRY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This meeting directly followed the Public Hearing on the budget. Those in attendance for the Public Hearing stayed for the Special Meeting.

Mayor Guerin proposed reducing the General Fund balance for the next fiscal year by an additional \$4,000, thereby reducing the proposed tax levy the same amount. Trustee Viestenz stated that he would prefer to change the line items, either reduce expenses or increase revenues. There followed some discussion among the Trustees regarding the alternatives. Deputy Superintendent Tromblee suggested reducing the expenses for sidewalks by \$4,000. The Board agreed to accept this proposal.

A Board resolution was needed to adopt the following budget:

	GENERAL FUND	WATER FUND	SEWER FUND	JOINT FUND
Appropriations	\$815,419	\$291,193	\$234,321	\$253,368
Less Estimated Revenues	\$254,725	\$291,193	\$234,321	\$225,617
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 65,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 27,751
Balance to be Raised by Taxes	\$495,694	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Tax Rate = \$9.94798 per thousand of assessed value

Motion was made by Trustee McDonough and seconded by Trustee Brassard to adopt the budget as stated. Yes; Mayor Guerin, Trustees Brassard, McDonough, Rich and Viestenz. No; none. Absent; none. Motion carried.

A Board resolution was needed to approve the levy of \$495,694 for the Village property taxes for the ensuing fiscal year. A motion was made by Trustee McDonough, seconded by Trustee Brassard. Yes; Mayor Guerin, Trustees Brassard, McDonough, Rich, and Viestenz. No; none. Absent; none. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 6:00 pm to review the proposed water law and revised water rate schedule, to be followed by a Special meeting to adopt the law and rate schedule.

Motion was made by Trustee Rich, seconded by Trustee McDonough to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:22 pm. Yes; Mayor Guerin, Trustees Brassard, McDonough, Rich and Viestenz. No; none. Absent; none. Motion carried.

Special meeting adjourned.

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Village Treasurer