

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE VILLAGE OF PORT HENRY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

DATE: APRIL 10, 2014

TIME: 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Guerin, Trustees Brassard, McDonald, McDonough and Rich; Clerk Daly and Treasurer Monette.

ATTENDANCE: Former Treasurer; Janelle Jurkiewicz and Sherman Free Library Board of Trustees President; Sue Nephew and Sandra Lovell.

Mayor Guerin called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the salute to the flag and thanked everyone for attending.

Mayor Guerin acknowledged Ms. Nephew and turned the floor over to her for comment. Ms. Nephew took the opportunity to thank the Mayor and Board of Trustees for their continued financial support of the Sherman Free Library and indicated that the funds included in the proposed budget for the library are greatly appreciated. Ms. Nephew exited the hearing at 7:03 pm.

Mayor Guerin indicated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear and consider the public's comments regarding the tentative budget for fiscal year June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015, for the General, Water, Sewer and Joint Activity Funds for the Village of Port Henry.

The Mayor, Board and public, were provided with copies of the tentative budget, including the list of tax exempt properties in the Village, the Current Water and Sewer Rate Sheet and the Budget Summary Sheet. Former Treasurer Jurkiewicz reviewed the changes the Board made to the tentative budget as a result of the March 31, 2014 Special Budget Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Sandra Lovell entered the meeting at 7:08 pm. Ms. Lovell asked if there were any significant changes made to the budget. There were no changes made other than the ones discussed and agreed to by the Board at the March 31, 2014 Special Budget Meeting. Those changes were incorporated in to the proposed budget and presented to the Board for review at the April 7, 2014 Annual Organizational Meeting, which is the same tentative budget that was presented to the public at this hearing.

Ms. Lovell asked if there will be any changes to the budget after this hearing. Mayor Guerin indicated that there would not likely be any further changes made.

The tax levy will increase 1.62% resulting in a 2015 Village tax rate of \$10.78. Ms. Jurkiewicz indicated that if there are no further changes to be made to the budget, then after its adoption, the tax cap will need to be formally filed with the State.

Trustee Rich commented that the last two budgets have been difficult to put together, however the Board has done well without the reimbursement funds from FEMA and has remained under the 2% tax cap.

On behalf of the Village Board, Trustee McDonough thanked and commended former Treasurer Jurkiewicz for her assistance, input and expertise in putting the budget together.

Mayor Guerin called for further public comment; there was none.

A motion was made by Trustee McDonough, seconded by Trustee Brassard, to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:26 pm. Yes; Mayor Guerin, Trustees Brassard, McDonald, McDonough and Rich. No; none. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNED

Denise C. Daly, Village Clerk