

MINUTES

Approved

For the
Village of Dryden
Board of Trustees Meeting
Held on Wednesday February 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

MAYOR: Michael Murphy
TRUSTEES PRESENT: Clay Converse, Dan Wakeman, Jason Dickinson, Deb Fisher
SUPERVISORS: Supt. Paul Sabin,
EXCUSED: Chief Tagliavento
DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER: Rotha Marsh, also recording Secretary
ATTORNEY PRESENT: Bill Troy- Barney, Grossman, Dubow & Troy
GUESTS: Ken Scherrieble- Camden Group
Camille Traver, Allison Kjellander-Cantu

Mayor Murphy opened the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 001-2021 to Override the Tax Cap at 7:02 p.m. He explained the proposed law, asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were none.

The Public hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Sewer Rate Increase was opened at 7:04 p.m. The Mayor told the Board that the expenses from sewer have exceeded the revenues and that a rate increase to the residents was necessary. The proposed rate increase is 10% on all steps. A copy of the proposed rates was emailed to the Board previous to the meeting. The proposed increase would take effect in April 15, 2021 for the July 15, 2021 bill. He asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were no questions or concerns.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m. and the regular Board of Trustees meeting was opened.

Privilege of the Floor:

The Mayor asked if anyone wanted to address the Board, there were none so Privilege of the Floor was closed at 7:07p.m.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Code Enforcement-Shelley Knickerbocker emailed her report earlier and it was forwarded to the Board. She was not in attendance.

Camden Group- Ken Scherrieble – Ken reports that they are still doing a lot of snow removal at the sewer plant and still working on getting the data converted from the flow meters to the computer with Teledyne’s help. The alarm system is installed except for the float in the basement and that should be installed next week. The price for a new sump pump with new plumbing and wiring should be around \$3000.00. The Mayor expressed his concerns; the sewer plant has cost the Village more than what has been budgeted for. He would like Ken to wait until the new fiscal year (June1, 2021) to replace the old sump pump which is still working, if possible. Ken also reports that the garage storage room heater is no longer working and needs replacing. For the time being a ceramic block heater can be used to keep the temperature above 40 degrees until the new fiscal year as well.

MRB Group- Rich DeGuida was excused.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Report-Supt. Paul Sabin-A written report was emailed to the Board. There have been several water main breaks due to the weather that the DPW has been repairing when not doing snow removal. The new state mandated water testing has been completed and sent out. The results should come back possibly by the middle of next week.

Dryden Police Dept. – Chief Tagliavento: The Chief was excused. He emailed his report to the Board previous to the meeting. No concerns were mentioned.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

Approve January 20, 2021 Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Dickinson and seconded by Trustee Fisher the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 2.17.1-2021
Approve January 20, 2021 Minutes

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from January 20, 2021

Adopt Local Law No. 001-2021 to override the Tax Cap:

On a motion by Trustee Wakeman and seconded by Trustee Converse the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 2.17.2-2021
Adopt Local Law 001-2021 Tax Levy Override

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby Adopts Local Law 001-2021 allowing for the Tax Levy Limit override.

VILLAGE OF DRYDEN

LOCAL LAW 001 OF THE YEAR 2021

A LOCAL LAW TO ALLOW THE OVERRIDE OF THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden as follows:

SECTION I. PURPOSE & INTENT.

It is the purpose and intent of this local law to allow, if determined necessary and/or appropriate, for the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing in 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

SECTION II. AUTHORITY.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c which expressly authorizes a local governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) or more of said governing body.

SECTION III. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, County of Tompkins, is hereby authorized, if determined necessary and/or appropriate, to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing in 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY.

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm, or corporation or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court order or judgment shall not affect impair or invalidate the remainder of this local law but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm, corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Approve the proposed Sewer Rate Increase:

On a motion by Trustee Wakeman and seconded by Trustee Fisher the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No2.17.3-2021
Approve the proposed Sewer Rate Increase

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden approves increasing the Sewer Rate by 10% effective April 15, 2021 to be billed July 15, 2021

	SEWER
First 1250 gallons (minimum)	63.49
Next 13750 gallons (per thousand)	4.97
Next 25000 gallons (per thousand)	7.19
Next 20000 gallons (per thousand)	7.72
Next 4000 gallons (per thousand)	8.27
Next 100000 gallons (per thousand)	8.8
Next ALL gallons (per thousand)	8.8

Accept the resignations from Neptune Hose Company No. 1 of Dryden, Inc.:

On a motion by Trustee Dickinson and seconded by Trustee Converse the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 2.17.4-2021

Accept Neptune Hose Company #1 Resignations

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby accepts the resignations of Heather Tier, Colin Wood, Tom Pirko, Danielle Tryon-Simmons, and Troy Pudney from Neptune Hose Company No. 1 effective February 11, 2021

Approve the New Members to Neptune Hose Company No.1 of Dryden, Inc.

On a motion by Trustee Dickinson and seconded by Trustee Fisher the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Abstain, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No2.17.5-2021

Approve the New Members to Neptune Hose Company No.1 of Dryden, Inc

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following new members to Neptune Hose Company No. 1 of Dryden, Inc

Kaitlin Gorton	Debra Eichholtz
19 North St.	10 Lewis St
Dryden, NY 13053	PO Box 873
	Dryden, NY 13053

Abstract:

On a motion by Trustee Wakeman and seconded by Trustee Converse the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Nay, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Nay, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No2.17.6-2021

Abstract

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the Abstract dated February 17, 2021 and authorizes the Mayor to sign it

Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers:

On a motion by Trustee Wakeman and seconded by Trustee Fisher the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Abstained, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 2.17.7-2021

Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers presented by Clerk Treasurer Debra Marrotte

Re: Budget Amendments and Requested Line Item Transfers for 2020/2021							
Budget Amendments:		Acct #	Description	From	To	Difference	Reason
GENERAL FUND							
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Appr. Increase	Expenditure	16204.01.442	Outside Contracts	56,550.00	69,592.00	13,042.00	To budget Village Hall upgrade
Appr. Decrease	Fund Balance	909.01.000	Fund Balance	626,997.90	613,955.90	-13,042.00	To budget for Village Hall upgrade
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Appr. Increase	Expenditure	71404.01.400	Street Lighting	35,000.00	135,287.21	100,287.21	To budget for the purchase LED street lights
Appr. Decrease	Fund Balance	909.01.000	Fund Balance	613,955.90	513,668.69	-100,287.21	To budget for the purchase LED street lights
WATER FUND							
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Appr. Increase	Expenditure	83401.02.190	Pers. Serv. Overtime	-	9,000.00	9,000.00	To budget payroll overtime
Appr. Decrease	Expenditure	83401.02.100	Personal Services	118,154.32	109,154.32	-9,000.00	To budget for overtime
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Appr. Increase	Expenditure	83404.02.494	Outside Contracts	\$20,600.00	37,805.66	17,205.66	To budget for Moody & Associates
Appr. Decrease	Fund Balance	909.02.000	Fund Balance	1,075,504.36	1,058,298.70	-17,205.66	To transfer for Moody & Associates payment
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Appr. Increase	Expenditure	83894.02.400	Contra Expend	\$ -	21,192.61	21,192.61	To budget for Conifer Realty refund
Appr. Decrease	Fund Balance	909.02.000	Fund Balance	1,058,298.70	1,037,106.09	-21,192.61	To transfer for Conifer reimbursment
		Both expenditures from Fund Blance where previously approved by Board					
SEWER FUND							
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Appr. Increase	Expenditure	81304.03.496	Sewer Plant Flood Re	\$ -	160,264.25	160,264.25	To budget for Sewer Plant flooding
Appr. Decrease	Expenditure	2680.03.000	Insurance Recoveries	-	160,264.25	-160,264.25	To show insurance recoveries
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Appr. Increase	Expenditure	81204.03.441	Sanitary Sewer	\$10,925.00	43,159.37	32,234.37	To budget for I & I Study
Appr. Increase	Revenue	2770.03.000	DEC Grant	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	To budget for I & I Study
Appr. Decrease	Fund Balance	909.03.000	Fund Balance	-	-2,234.37	-2,234.37	To budget for I & I Study
Line Item Transfer:		Acct #	Description	From	To	Difference	Reason
GENERAL FUND							
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Appr. Increase	Expenditure	19104.01.400	Unallocated Insuranc	47,500.00	52,746.94	5,246.94	To budget for year to date expenses
Appr. Decrease	Expenditure	90408.01.800	Workers Comp	29,000.00	24,554.56	-4,445.44	To cover for overage in unallocated insurance
Appr. Decrease	Expenditure	90158.01.800	Fire & Police Retirem	86,553.04	85,751.54	-801.5	To cover for overage in unallocated insurance
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Appr. Increase	Expenditure	16404.01.481.0	Loan payments for tr	66,957.00	80,788.70	13,831.70	To increase budget for truck/backhoe
Appr. Decrease	Expenditure	16409.01.912	Trans Equip Reserve	31,243.00	17,411.30	-13,831.70	To increase budget for truck/backhoe
SEWER FUND							
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Appr. Increase	Expenditure	97106.03.600	Debt Service on Bond	81,000.00	82,000.00	1,000.00	To increase to actual year to date expense
Appr. Decrease	Expenditure	97107.03.700	Interest on Debt Serv	88,050.00	87,050.00	-1,000.00	To cover for overage in debt service principal

Approve Union Agreement between the Village of Dryden and CSEA:

On a motion by Trustee Fisher and seconded by Trustee Wakeman the following was passed: Vote
Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 2.17.8-2021

Approve the CSEA Union Agreement

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the CSEA Union Agreement between the Village of Dryden and CSEA effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024 and authorizes the Mayor to sign it

Approve the 2 year Town of Dryden Fire Protection Contract and authorize the Mayor to sign it:

The Mayor explained the contract is for Neptune Hose Co. No1 to provide fire protection to the Town of Dryden for 2 years. The Town will pay Neptune Hose Co. No 1 for this service. The Board of Trustees is being asked to approve this contract as Neptune Hose Co. is an entity of the Village of Dryden.

On a motion by Trustee Wakeman and seconded by Trustee Dickinson the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 2.17.9-2021

Authorize the Mayor to sign the 2 year Town of Dryden Fire Protection Contract with Neptune Hose Co. No.1

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2 year contract for Fire Protection and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement

Discuss and possibly approve providing water to Green Hills Cemetery:

After much discussion it was decided that a draft proposing no charge for water but any repairs that incur the cemetery would be responsible for be drawn up and discussed with the Cemetery. If they approve a resolution will be presented at next month's meeting.

Discuss and possibly approve Clerk Treasurer Debra Marrotte's recommendation to adjust the water/sewer bill at 12 Lake Rd.:

On a motion by Trustee Wakeman and seconded by Trustee Dickinson the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 2.17.10-2021

Approve Clerk Treasurer Debra Marrotte's recommendation to adjust the water/sewer bill at 12 Lake Rd

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Clerk Treasurer Debra Marrotte's recommendation to adjust the April 2021 water/sewer bill at 12 Lake Rd. The water meter had to be replaced and the residents did not live in the home long enough to establish water usage so an estimated bill was generated in January. The April reading will establish usage for the Clerk Treasurer to adjust the estimated amount.

Discuss and possibly authorize the Clerk Treasurer to send bid documents to vendors for Garbage Service:

On a motion by Trustee Fisher and seconded by Trustee Wakeman the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 2.17.11-2021

Authorize the Clerk Treasurer to send bid documents to vendors for Garbage Service

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees authorizes Clerk Treasurer Debra Marrotte to prepare and send out bid documents for a 3 year contract for Garbage Service and sets March 9, 2021 at 8:00am as Bid Opening

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ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:

Jay St. Property- the Mayor informed the Board that the individual asked to assess the property has valued it at \$13,000. He will be sending that in writing. At that time, we can contact the individual interested in purchasing the property - as is. We won't do any further work on it.

Zoom Meeting for March?- the BOT meeting for March will remain a Zoom meeting

Community Block Grant Update- Thoma Development is working with the 5 properties that have been approved. They will get estimates and then present it to the Board for approval.

Village Hall Upgrade- Scott Bova met at the Village with the Mayor, Trustee Wakeman, and the Clerks to show them the samples for the façade of the building

Update on Charging Station- the Mayor reported that the correct parts for the charging station are here and that a technician will be here on Thursday February 18th to repair it.

LED Street Lighting update- The new LED lights have been ordered and are scheduled to be installed at the end of April or beginning of May. Trustee Wakeman requested that East and West Main Streets and North and South Streets be changed to the whiter 4000 degree Kelvin to more closely match our existing lights if possible. The Mayor didn't think this was possible but will check.

Community Policing- Trustee Fisher will work with Chief Tagliavento on the police reform letter. We have to have the public hearing/meeting on this soon, so we can pass a resolution adopting the report, and send the certification to NYS by the end of March. We would like to get a final version of this report by the end of February, so then we can schedule the public hearing.

Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (PBA Union Contract): On a motion by Trustee Fisher and seconded by Trustee Dickinson the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 2.17. 12-2021
Adjourn to Executive Session

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (PBA Union Contract) at 8:49pm not to reconvene.