

MINUTES
For
Village of Dryden
Board of Trustees Meeting
Held on
Thursday, March 23rd, 2017
Public hearings on Water/Sewer Rates and proposed Local law 001-2017

- MAYOR PRESENT: Reba Taylor
- TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mike Hattery, Les Hibbert, Mike Murphy
- TRUSEE EXCUSED: Randy Sterling
- SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Superintendent Paul Sabin, Clerk/Treasurer Debra Marrotte & Sergeant Debra Lawrence
- SECRETARY PRESENT: Abby Homer
- ATTORNEY PRESENT: David Dubow
- GUESTS: Ken Scherrieble, Camden Group
Rich DeGuida, MRB Group
Tom Sinclair, Union Street
Bruce Drowne, Lee Road
Hank Newman, Ithaca Ice Company

The Pledge to the Flag was recited; the fire exit and restroom location was noted.

The Board meeting was opened at 7:09 p.m.

The Public Hearing on the proposed Water Rate increases opened at 7:09 p.m. Mayor Taylor stated the reason for the proposed increase is due to the large upcoming water project and that the rates would go up again.

Public comments:

Bruce Drowne of Lee Road asked about the funding, if Grants were pursued, if reserves were being used and what the average household bill would increase?

Mayor Taylor explained the funding journey that the Village has taken for the project, beginning with the previous administration. The average bill is expected to increase from \$161 to \$185.

Trustee Hattery stated that there will not be a large debt service at the end of the project.

The public hearing closed at 7:23 p.m.

The Public Hearing on the proposed Sewer Rate increases opened at 7:23 p.m. It was noted that the sewer fund balance has been being used to pay the debt payments from building the new plant and a rate increase is needed to replenish the funds being used.

Public comments:

The public hearing closed at 7:26 p.m.

The Public Hearing on proposed Local Law 001-2017 to allow the override of the Tax Levy limit established in GML §3-C was opened at 7:26 p.m. Clerk/Treasurer Marrotte stated this law is to allow the override of the tax cap limit, if necessary. Another Local Law to withdraw this one, if adopted, would also be necessary in the future if the tax cap is not exceeded.

Public comments-there were none

The public hearing closed at 7:29 p.m.

Privilege of the floor was opened at 7:29 p.m.

Ken Scherrieble of the Camden Group presented his monthly report for the WWTP operation and maintenance. The plant met all parameters. Inaccurate flow data was mentioned, along with the enforcement of the sewer grease traps as discussed previously and the possible need to add a fee or surcharge to the fee schedule for violations.

Hank Newman of The Ithaca Ice Company, addressed the Board regarding his request for the re-zoning of 37 Elm Street, and request for an exemption on the sewer charges for the proposed new water line for the ice making. He stated a formal written request would be forthcoming.

Mayor Taylor responded that it would be spot zoning to re zone one parcel for one business, possibly a Use Variance should be sought instead. She stated that the Code Enforcement Office should guide him through the process.

Trustee Hattery responded that a re-zone would need a Local Law that could be prepared ahead and presented for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Newman thanked the Board for their time and indicated a formal request, through the Code Enforcement Department, would follow.

Village Resident and County Legislature Member Mike Lane thanked outgoing Trustee Les Hibbert for his service. He congratulated the new elect Tom Sinclair and the re-elected Mayor Taylor. The new emergency siren, County Shared Services study on Police, TC3 and Town Board Meeting dates were discussed in detail.

Trustee Hattery and Trustee Murphy thanked Trustee Hibbert for his service

Privilege of the floor was closed at 8:23 p.m.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

New Member of Neptune Hose

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed.

Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017
New Member of Neptune Hose

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following new member(s) of the Neptune Hose Co. #1 Inc:

James Jackson, Nathan Forehand

Water/Sewer Rate increases

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hattery, the following was passed.

Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017
Water Rate Increase

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following water rate increases, effective as of July 15, 2017 and will be reflected on the October 15, 2017 Water Bills.

WATER RATES	CURRENT	PROPOSED
First 1250 gallons (minimum)	32.81	36.09
Next 13750 gallons (per thousand)	5.44	5.98
Next 25000 gallons (per thousand)	6.29	6.92
Next 20000 gallons (per thousand)	6.75	7.43
Next 40000 gallons (per thousand)	7.23	7.95
Next 100000 gallons (per thousand)	7.69	8.46
Next ALL gallons (per thousand)	8.16	8.98

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hattery, the following was passed.

Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017
Sewer Rate Increase

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following sewer rate increases, effective July 15, 2017 and will be reflected on the October 15, 2017 Sewer Billing.

SEWER RATES	CURRENT	PROPOSED
First 1250 gallons (minimum)	48.10	57.72
Next 13750 gallons (per thousand)	3.77	4.52
Next 25000 gallons (per thousand)	4.36	6.54
Next 20000 gallons (per thousand)	4.68	7.02
Next 40000 gallons (per thousand)	5.01	7.52
Next 100000 gallons (per thousand)	5.33	8.00
Next ALL gallons (per thousand)	5.33	8.00

Proposed Local Law

On a motion by Trustee Hibbert and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed.
Vote: Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017
LL001-2017

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adopts Local Law 001-2017 and authorizes its filing with NYS Department of State.

Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Marrotte presented the Tentative 2016/2017 Budget with attached salary schedule. On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed. Vote: Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017
2017/2018 Tentative Budget

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby accepts the 2017/2018 Tentative Budget and sets A Special Budget Meeting to be held on March 30th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the budget and to discuss and or take action on any other business which may arise.

Budget Amendments/Line Item transfers

None were submitted

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed.
Vote: Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017
12-29-16 Minutes

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from the December 29th Board of Trustees meeting, with any corrections noted.

Abstract

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hattery, the following was passed.
Vote: Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017
3-23-17 Abstract

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the 3/23/2017 Abstract and authorizes the Mayor to sign.

Water project bid award

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed.
Vote: Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017
Water project Bid Award

WHEREAS, the Village of Dryden (the "Village"), after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the proposed Public Water System Improvements Project (the "Project"), prior hereto approved and authorized the Project and the submission of funding applications related thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Village prior hereto submitted an application for funding of the Project to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("NYSEFC"); and

WHEREAS, NYSEFC prior hereto issued a response letter dated January 29, 2016 providing for proposed funding of the Project consisting of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) interest-free financing for a term of up to 30 years at a projected total Project cost of \$8,357,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees on March 7, 2016 hereto adopted (i) a supplemental resolution approving the Project at an estimated maximum cost of \$9,000,000 and (ii) a bond resolution of the Village for the Project authorizing the issuance of \$9,000,000 serial bonds of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the NYSEFC in memorandum dated September 14, 2016 revised the projected Project cost to \$8,945,200; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees, recognizing the time constraints associated with the proposed funding and the NYSEFC procedures and requirements related thereto, determined that it was in the best interests of the Village, its inhabitants and all other parties who will benefit from the Project that the Village undertake the actions necessary and execute the documents necessary to insure in the best possible and expedited way that the proposed funding would be available to the Village if it determined to proceed with such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees received bids for the Project on February 16, 2017, followed thereafter by recommendations from the Project engineers for the bid awards to the specifically identified lowest qualified bidders with fully completed bid submissions; and

WHEREAS, the recommended bid awards are incorporated into the updated \$8,945,200 total Project budget, resulting in the estimated total cost of the Project budget remaining at \$8,945,200; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has reviewed (i) the bid package, bid tabulations and recommendations from the Project engineers for the bid awards to the specifically identified lowest qualified bidders with fully completed bid submissions; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has again determined that it is in the best interests of the Village, its inhabitants and all other parties who will benefit from the Project that the Village undertake the actions necessary and execute the documents necessary to insure in the best possible and expedited way that the proposed NYSEFC funding will be available to the Village if it determines to proceed with such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has further determined that it is in the best interests of the Village, its inhabitants and all other parties who will benefit from the Project for the Village to award the bids to the specifically identified lowest qualified bidders with fully completed bid submissions as recommended by the Project engineers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Village Board of Trustees, based upon the recommendations of the Project engineers, hereby approves and authorizes the award of contracts for the Project, as follows:

Contract #1A – General G. DeVincentis & Son Constr. Co., Inc.
\$1,928,000.00

Contract #1B – General	DN Tanks, Inc.	
	\$2,125,695.00	
Contract #2 – Electrical	J & E Electric, Inc.	\$398,700.00
Contract #3 – HVAC-King & King Mechanical, Inc.		\$33,147.00

and

2. The foregoing award of contracts is contingent upon any and all further and final approvals of NYSEFC; and
3. The Mayor of the Village of Dryden is hereby authorized to take such steps and to execute such further documents as may be necessary, desirable, and/or appropriate to effectuate the purpose and intent of the foregoing resolutions; and
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Tree species planting recommendations

A list of tree species was recommended for planting within the Village. An old list was on file, however it was recommended to update it. The City of Ithaca arborist has reviewed the old list and provided a new one that is recommended for adoption by the Village. Some more detail/information on the authority of the public works superintendent to approve all new trees and location and other planting guidelines could be incorporated into the Village Policy.

Trustee Hattery mentioned a tree or trees as a portion of the Montgomery Park Project and a possible donation from the Rotary Club.

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hattery, the following was passed.
Vote: Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017
Tree species planting list

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the new Tree Planting List as recommended.

DPBA Collective Bargaining agreement

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hattery, the following was passed.
Vote: Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017
DPBA Agreement

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the 2016-2018 Dryden Police Benevolent Association collective bargaining agreement.

Participation in Tompkins County Law Enforcement Shared Services Initiative Study

This was tabled, pending further communication

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:

The Monthly Police report was submitted and discussed. A high number of break-ins to vehicles were noted.

The monthly DPW report was submitted and discussed. Mayor Taylor recommended that whoever comes in over the weekends to the daily water checks, should report in with Dispatch, for safety purposes.

Trustee Murphy updated on the SRTS project that they have been working with the History house and the DOT. The easements have been obtained and things are on track to go to bid in April.

Trustee Hattery updated on the Park project. He stated that the adjoining business has still offered to donate towards Music in the park and some other improvements, despite the grant with the 10,000 match not being received. The committee may be requesting the Board approve a few minor revisions to the Comprehensive Plan. The possible recycling station location was briefly discussed.

Mayor Taylor noted the receipt of some diagrams of the Municipal Parking lots with possible alterations to include ADA accessibility. These were submitted by Lee Road Resident David-Bravo-Cullen.

Mayor Taylor noted the Organizational meeting would be held Monday, April 3rd and she asked the Board members for their preference for meeting dates. The 3rd Thursday conflicts with some other local meetings and she was asked to see if there were other nights would work better.

Adjourn to Executive Session

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed.

Vote: Hibbert-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017

Adjourn-executive session

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby adjourns the meeting to executive session to discuss potential litigation, at 9:20 p.m., not to re-convene.