

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

April 15, 2010

A **Special Meeting** of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Present were:

Village Board and Staff:

Deputy Mayor Ron Swartz
Trustee Suzanne Peters
Trustee Larry Clark
Village Manager Walt Herbst

Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham

Others:

Tess Banfield, Catalpa Dr.
Barb Skorczewski, Franklin St.
Howard Miller, Sunset Dr.

Mary Mower, Kinley Pl.
Mike Swasta, Watkins Road
Pat Gross, W. Broad St.

Village Manager Herbst and Trustee Peters gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Tentative Budget.

At 7:30 p.m. Manager Herbst declared open a Public Hearing on the Tentative 2010-2011 Village Budget.

Pat Gross, W. Broad St. - Why no reduction of people? Current employees paid well. Some of positions paid a little excessive. Why is the Village Manager getting pay raise after a short time in position.

Manager Herbst - any CEO is paid more than employees, that is critical. Chief of Police must get higher than Sergeant.

Pat Gross - we should dissolve Village because it is so expensive. We also need to talk about pensions for the Police Department.

Manager Herbst - If we have a dissolution, the costs become more to the tax payer.

Mike Swasta, Watkins Rd. - improvements to Water system, we need a reserve fund to take care of filtration systems. Also increase bldg. permit fees, inspection fees, and fees should go toward supporting code enforcement. Also Contingency line item - what is included in it.

Mary Mower, Kinley Pl. - consideration should be given to people that have lost their jobs in the last year and could still be on unemployment. Why is Thomas & Betts not penalized for not fulfilling their promise.

Barb Skorcowzski, Franklin St. - do employees contribute to health insurance. Too many tax abatements given by IDA will eventually be a big problem. Should not be given to them on the front end.

Pat Gross - what about shared service with county.

Manager Herbst - need to have a licensed person for the wells. We worked out an agreement with the Elmira Water Board

As nobody else came forward to speak, Manager Herbst declared the public hearing closed.

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Peters

BE IT RESOLVED, that the audit of bills as listed below be received and approved for payment when in funds.

General	\$352,728.06
Water	\$72,167.21
T/A	\$1,432.24

Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Peters:	Aye
Trustee Clark:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Peters

WHEREAS, Rundall, LLC, d/b/a Beef Eater Tavern, is a tenant of premises known as 203 W. Franklin St., Horseheads, NY, and has represented to this Board its intention to apply for its liquor license at said restaurant,

WHEREAS, Rundall, LLC has asked this Board to waive the 30-day waiting period required under NYS ABC Law Section 64.2(A), and

WHEREAS, this Board is informed and believes that the sale of alcoholic beverages from this location will be for on-premises consumption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Donald Zeigler is authorized and directed to submit a letter to the NYS Liquor Authority advising that the Village requests waiver of the statutory 30 day notice and waiting period.

Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Peters:	Aye
Trustee Clark:	Aye

Mike Swasta, Watkins Rd. - 2009/2010 budget had breakdown of positions by department, as an attachment. Can we get this again for new budget?

Sharron Cunningham - once budget is adopted it becomes part of it.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was closed at 8:02 p.m.

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