

Budget Meeting

March 19, 2015

Rhinebeck Garden Club- Brenda discussed with the Board the Garden Club's plan to place the plaque in the main part of the garden. All were in agreement of the location.

Water Billing Software- Heinz announced that he would hold on shopping for new billing software for now.

The mayor discussed his interest to improve communication with the Town Board. He announced he will have the meeting notices sent to the Town. He asked the Board about having a liaison from our board to attend their meetings and take turns to keep communication open. Heinz volunteered for the first meeting to take place March 23rd.

Budget Discussions

The board discussed the budget and the mayor identified the changes:

- Paid off 2 vehicles
- Reduced the Streets department by one employee
- Established a contingency account and budgeted \$20,000 this year
- Added funds to Capital Reserve accounts

The board discussed Fire and Police in terms of services to the Town.

The board discussed implementing Events fees for the additional police services for these events. They identified the follow events and possible fees:

- Farmers Market \$2,000.00
- Running Away \$2,000.00
- Sinter Claus \$2,500.00
- Sheep & Wool
- Dutchess Co. fair \$2,500.00
- Turkey Trot

As the above are only suggestions, the board discussed looking further at all events in the village and coming up with a fee schedule.

The board went through the Water budget and the Sewer budget. The board reviewed the General Fund and worked on changes that offered a proposed budget for 2015-16 at \$2,301,661.24 which is \$486.77 below the Tax Cap.

There was no further business.

Motion made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Trustee Kenton and all were in favor to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen P. McLaughlin

Treasurer