

**Village of Rhinebeck
Board of Trustees
Budget Workshop
Special Meeting March 10, 2014**

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Trustees Howard Traudt, Brant Neuneker, Heinz Sauer, Treasurer Christina Denu, Resident Gary Kenton

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tortarella would like to assign one person to take care of lawns, cleaning of municipal/firehouse & police station. Also empty trash basket's in Village center. Need to add personnel expense line item's to fire & police. For budget purpose's the following was added municipal building \$20,000, fire \$15,000, police \$10,000.

The board discussed replacing the septic tank at the village garage which is pumped every two weeks or other alternatives such as compost toilets. Resident Gary Kenton will get quotes with the board's approval.

Mayor Tortarella made a motion to transfer \$9,000 to the Police Capital/Equipment Reserve to go toward a new car. 2nd by Trustee Traudt. All were in favor.

Mayor Tortarella mentioned that the fire dept wants a new utility truck this was tabled for further discussion. Mayor Tortarella mentioned that the fire dept. is looking into getting bids from 2 other companies for the repairs/maintenance on equipment.

The board discussed the possibility of dissolving or reducing the salary for the dog warden. The question was asked do we really need a dog warden? Treasurer Denu will contact Rich Olson to see if it can be done since there is a village leash law.

Board asked for another budget workshop which will be Tue 3/18/14 at 6pm.

Mayor Tortarella motioned for an executive session for personnel matters 2nd by Trustee Traudt. All were in favor.

Trustee Sauer motioned to close executive session, 2nd by Trustee Traudt. All were in favor.

Trustee Neuneker motioned to adjourn the workshop, 2nd by Trustee Traudt. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Christina Denu
Treasurer