

**Village of Rhinebeck**  
**Special Budget Meeting**  
**Thursday - March 3, 2016**  
**7:00 pm Village Hall**

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Gary Bassett. Absent: Trustee Sean Kemp. Also present: Kyle Eighmy, Chrissy Eighmy and Karen P. McLaughlin, Village Treasurer.

The mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Village Clerk, Patricia Coon presented the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2016-17 to the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees.

**MEETING CHANGE-** Motion made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Trustee Cruikshank and all were in favor to change the regular April meeting from April 12<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This is also the Annual Organizational Meeting.

Treasurer McLaughlin presented the following budget amendments for the current year:

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Increase	Increase		
02705.01.0.0	31202.01.0.00	\$2,500.00	to increase budget for police donation received
02705.01.0.0	34104.01.0.02	\$8,000.00	to increase budget for FD portion of Equipment purchase
Decrease	Increase		
31201.01.0.25	31204.01.0.04	\$150.00	increase budget for postage
31204.01.0.22	31204.01.0.02	\$3,500.00	increase budget for unanticipated exp
31204.01.0.22	31204.01.0.23	\$1,159.00	increase budget for overage insurance costs
83204.12.0.13	19104.12.0.00	\$1,205.00	increase budget for overage insurance costs
81202.13.0.00	19104.13.0.00	\$3,343.00	increase budget for overage insurance costs
51102.01.0.00	51104.01.0.00	\$3,000.00	increase budget for unanticipated exp
51102.01.0.00	51104.01.0.02	\$2,000.00	increase budget for unanticipated exp
83204.12.0.33	83404.12.0.00	\$3,000.00	increase budget for unanticipated exp
19804.13.0.00	81104.13.0.02	\$1,000.00	increase budget for unanticipated exp
81202.13.0.00	81204.13.0.25	\$6,000.00	increase budget for unanticipated exp
81304.13.0.04	81304.13.0.08	\$8,000.00	increase budget for unanticipated exp

Motion made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Trustee Cruikshank and all were in favor to authorize the presented budget amendments.

**BUDGET-**

Treasurer McLaughlin reported the changes as per the last meetings review have been done. \$2,500 was added to the Water Department as per Trustee Bassett's request for ground care provided by goats. Revenue line item 2555.01 was increased by \$25,000 as per the Building Inspector's review of current revenue. As the village no longer pays MTA tax, that expense was removed.

Mayor Tortarella announced that the board will continue to review the proposed budget for 2016-17 line by line, comparing the proposed to the current Operating Statement showing the status of the same account.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT-** Kyle and Chrissy Eighmy were present to discuss the Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Kyle explained that the equipment budget of \$59,800 consisted of Scott Packs which are in need of upgrading and are on a 3-year program, turn-out gear, hoses and nozzles. He reported the supply needs are hazmat supplies and improvements to the Fire House to make it a command post, if needed. He went through the training needs for the members, as well.

Chrissy reviewed the Rescue Squad's budget identifying new stretchers and the stair chair as the bulk of their expenses this year. She talked about the need to protect the members from blood borne pathogens and the cost. Mayor Tortarella stated that he would like the Clerk explore the coverage the village has via Marshall & Sterling, our agent and/or Workers Comp.

**SHARED SERVICES HIGHWAY GRANT-** Bruce Washburn arrived and discussed the grant received by the Town and the Village to study shared Highway services, modeled after the Red Hood submission.

**PARKS/RECREATION-** Treasurer McLaughlin discussed \$14,000 currently housed in the Escrow bank account for Parks/Recreation fees collected by the Planning Department for new construction. Motion made by Mayor Tortarella to transfer \$14,000 to the Capital Projects account for Parks/Recreation to be used for same, seconded by Trustee Cruikshank and all were in favor. Motion passed.

**MEETINGS-** Motion made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Trustee Cruikshank and all were in favor to schedule the following meetings:

Tuesday, **March 22, 2016** @ 7:00 pm to discuss the Budget and any other village business

Thursday, **March 24, 2016** @ 7:00 pm to discuss the Budget and any other village business

Tuesday, **April 5, 2016** @ 7:00 pm to hold the Annual Organizational Meeting and the regular monthly Village Board meeting

Thursday, **April 14 2016** @ 7:00 pm to hold a Public Hearing on the Budget 2016-17 and any other village business

**TECH GRANT-** Trustee Bassett reported that there will be a meeting with the Town and Dutchess County to discuss the details of the grant that was received. He will find out what day and time that will be held.

**NEW HIRES-** Motion made by Mayor Tortarella to hire Scott Rathjen and Brian Baccomo at a rate of \$13.00/hour for Operator Trainee at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, with a scheduled increase to \$15.00/hour after the 90-day probation period.

**ADJOURN-** Motion was made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Trustee Cruikshank to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen P. McLaughlin, Treasurer