

Village of Rhinebeck
Special Budget Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
7:00 pm Village Hall

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Gary Bassett and Sean Kemp. Also present: Rick Lewitt, resident and Karen P. McLaughlin, Village Treasurer.

The mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET- Mayor Tortarella went through the proposed budget for 2016-17 line by line, comparing the proposed to the current Operating Statement showing the status of the same account.

Trustee Cruikshank asked to work with the Treasurer to review the attorney and engineer's bills. Treasurer McLaughlin will also find out if we still pay the MTA Tax.

The board stopped the line item review at the Fire Department, which is where they will pick up at the next budget meeting to be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Deputy Mayor Traudt discussed the shared grant with the town received to explore shared Highway services. Traudt explained that Bruce Washburn was instrumental in preparing and receiving the grant; however he is no longer on the town Board. He asked that the Village appoint him the liaison for the grant discussions. Board consensus was to wait for the annual Organizational Meeting and to have Bruce attend a meeting to explain the details.

TREES- The board reviewed a few final trees in question of removal, and then Mayor Tortarella made the motion to authorize Central Hudson to remove the following trees at a cost of no more than \$60.00 each:

Trees numbered: **9, 14, 16, 21, 22, 25, 26, 31, 39, 40, 44, 45, 64, 81, 108, 110, 112 & 114**, for a total of 18 trees to be removed.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Cruikshank. There was no further discussion and the motion was passed with the following votes: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Trustee Cruikshank- Yes, Deputy Mayor Traudt- Yes, Trustee Bassett- Yes, and Trustee Kemp- Yes.

ADJOURN- Motion was made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Trustee Cruikshank to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

NEXT BUDGET MEETING: March 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen P. McLaughlin, Treasurer