

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 11, 2012
Budget Public Hearing & Special Meeting
Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the VILLAGE OF BREWSTER held a Budget Public Hearing & Special Meeting on WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2011, 7:30 PM at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, N.Y. to take and hear comments on the 2012-2013 Tentative Budget as proposed by the Board of Trustees, a budget work session was held after the Public Hearing.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini
Trustees; Mary Bryde, Terri Stockburger, Tom Boissonnault
Village Engineer: John Folchetti
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé,
Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the Public Hearing on the 2012-13 Tentative Budget, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

Public Hearing

1. 2012-13 Village of Brewster Budget Public Hearing
 - 1.1. Erin Meagher asks; how much money is in the current budget for street beautification? \$1,600 this year. Ms. Meagher would like to see more money put into beautifying the village especially in concert with the plan for new sidewalks and street lighting in 2014. Ms. Meagher would like to have \$2,500 for a banner display which, according to her estimates, would include brackets for all posts along the Main Street business district. Coinciding with the sidewalk reconstruction which may include street lighting; will the new brackets and banners be transferrable to the new poles? Trustee Stockburger indicates the plan for them is to be reusable.
 - 1.2. Jack Gress comments that setting the budget sets the water and sewer rates. Mr. Gress would like to see the police budget lines in the water fund reduced, if not this year then next year.
 - 1.3. Erin Meagher asks if the budget has factored in the closing of Garden Street School. Peter Hansen says the closing is not material to the budgeted amounts.
 - 1.4. Mr. Gress asks about the water rate base amount that was put in place to decrease the fund deficit. Now that the fund deficit is decreased will the board revisit the base rate? Mayor Schoenig says it is too early to make that determination and we would like to accumulate some capital resources so we don't run into the same problem in 30 or 40 years where the residents have to pick up the bill in total at one time instead of allowing funds to accumulate to offset expected costs.
2. There being no further public comment, Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to close the Public Hearing, Mayor Schoenig second, all in favor 5 to 0.

Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to go into a budget worksession, Mayor Schoenig 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

Budget Work Session

The Board directs the Clerk & Treasurer to revise the budget phasing in the raises for all employees; ½ the first six months, ½ the second six months. There being no further discussion, Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn the budget worksession, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.