

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 20, 2016

7:00 PM

MAYOR JOSEPH ORLOW PRESIDING

BUDGET 2016-2017

Mayor Orlow stated that the first item to address is the 2016 Preliminary Budget. (which will be referred to as the Tentative Budget thought-out these minutes). He would asked that all in attendance be respectful and if not they will be asked to leave.

Attorney Muller stated that there is a Tentative Budget that has been approved/accepted by resolution of the Village Board. Attorney Muller then read the NYCOM rules and regulations of a budget process. (attached to the minutes). He then stated that at the end of the Public Hearing the Board of Trustees may further revise the Tentative Budget by resolution.

Town Supervisor, Gardner Congdon was present to clarify that at a prior Village meeting he suggested that the Town and the Village meet to see if there were any inter-municipal services to help with Village budget process. He stated that the summer concert series would be an example of an inter-municipal service. Mr. Congdon stated that all Town of Moreau Board members received a letter regarding the summer concerts. Mr. Congdon stated he can't give away Town money and it was merely a suggestion of what an inter-municipal agreement might do. Attorney Muller stated to Mr. Congdon that there was no intend to shame him, but he wrote a letter

according to how the offer from Mr. Congdon was presented to the Village. Mr. Congdon disagreed with Attorney Muller.

Mr. George Bordeau, Leland Street was present and stated that he feels the Village and the Town need to put their egos a side and try to work together. The only way to get anything done is to work together.

Mr. Harry Gutheil stated that at the April 6, 2016 meeting he thought that there would not be a budget vote until the April 20, 2016. It is his understanding that a vote took place at the April 7, 2016 meeting. It was explained to Mr. Gutheil that the vote was to accept a Tentative Budget not the 2016-2017 Budget adoption. By law the Tentative Budget needed to be set and accepted by April 15, 2016. Once again there was confusion between the words "Preliminary and Tentative Budget." Mr. Gutheil stated that he has FOILED a copy of the Village Board meeting tape. He feels the tape reveals a rush to vote on the budget. There was some confusion between Trustee Girard, Trustee Hayes and Mr. Gutheil as to when the Tentative Budget was accepted. Attorney Muller stated that the vote taken was on a Tentative Budget only on April 7, 2016 and once again not for the ADOPTION of the 2016-2017 Budget. Mr. Gutheil then commented on the tax increase and he believes that the budget can get to a single digit increase. He also feels the Fire Truck CD line item should have more money put in it. Mr. Gutheil stated that some of his cuts are not to hurt the employees, and he thinks it admirable that the employees are willing to do more work. Mayor Orlow thanked Mr. Gutheil for his comments.

Ms. Brigid Martin was present and asked if Trustee LaFave was okay because he has not been attending meetings. Mayor Orlow stated that he is okay and that people do have lives.

Ms. Friers, Leland Street was present and asked what the tax increase is now. Mayor Orlow stated that it is an increase of 22%, and a rate of \$5.62 per thousand. It will be a .99 cent

increase over the existing rate. She then asked if the budget will be voted on this evening. Attorney Muller stated that there are several variables (they can pass it with a unanimous Board vote with or without amendments made tonight; they might not pass it without a unanimous Board vote; or the Board can continue to meet and make changes until May 1, 2016. However if there is still not a budget approved at that time the Tentative Budget accepted on April 7, 2016 becomes the Village 2016-2017 adopted budget. Mr. Gutheil thinks at there is still time to make changes to the budget.

Mayor Orlow asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none.

PRESENT

Trustee William Hayes
Trustee Anthony Girard
Trustee Timothy Carota

Brian Abare, DPW Superintendent
Michael Muller, Attorney
Kevin Judd, Police Chief

Mayor Orlow then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2016 Board Meeting. Trustee Hayes moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2016 with a correction on page # 9 line 4 (12 foot should be 1,200 feet of water line on Prospect Street) and page #16 correction to Agenda item #10 Prospect Street/Beach Road (\$4,885.00 will be changed to \$3,880.00 in this year budget and \$3,485.00 in next year's budget). Then page #18 (Correction from tourist direct to tourist director); seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved. Trustee Girard stated that he would note a correction to the April 7, 2016 minutes. Page #5 he is not in favor of the Village getting an assessing unit and taking the money from the contingency; seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved.

Mayor Orlow then asked for a motion to approve the bills audited today. Trustee Girard moved to approve the bills.

<u>FY 2015-2016</u> <u>Vouchers 91689-91743</u>		<u>FY 2015-2016</u> <u>MDP33-MDP33</u>		<u>FY2015-2016</u> <u>Vouchers 91573-91575</u>	
General Fund	\$14,929.96	Parade Acct	\$696.90	Community Development	\$45,767.00
Water Fund	1,081.15	Total	\$696.90	Total	\$45,767.00
Sewer Fund	<u>607.93</u>				
Total	\$16,619.04				

Seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

Mayor Orlow stated that at this time he would open the meeting for Public Forum to be limited to 5 minutes.

Mayor Orlow asked if there was any additional Public Comments.

Mr. Bordeau, Leland Street has a problem with flooding in his yard. The DPW will review and look at the problem and see what can be done to correct the problem.

AGENDA

1) Act on 2016-2017 Budget

Attorney Muller stated that on April 7, 2016 there was a proposed budget and the action was to accept that reviewed budget proposal as the Tentative Budget which had to take place prior to April 15, 2016. At this point any change to the Tentative Budget (expense or revenue) can be and needs to be accepted by Board resolution. As of May 1, 2016 there needs to be a budget adopted and if there is not a final budget adopted the Tentative Budget accepted on April 7, 2016 becomes the 2016-2017 Budget. Trustee Girard made a motion that the elected officials eliminate or pay 100% of their health, vision, dental insurance premium. Trustee Carota seconded the motion, Trustee Hayes yes, Mayor Orlow no. The motion passes. To be effective June 1, 2016.

Trustee Girard then stated that he had issued the Village Board an alternate budget. Attorney Muller stated it is to be considered alternate recommendations and not a budget by law, but that it should be taken into consideration. Trustee Carota stated that this was issued from

Trustee Girard on April 18, 2016 which does not give him or the Board a lot of time to review. Trustee Girard stated that he has a newly revised version of his recommendations which is different than the one from April 18, 2016 that he would like to hand out now to the Board. Trustee Hayes asked if it included revenue. Trustee Girard stated that he took the numbers from last year's budget and then he took all the raises and overtime and added it into the budget he worked on. He then compared all miscellaneous to prior years and adjusted accounts. He stated that his proposed budget brings the Village under 10% (9.7%) \$5.08 per thousand. He wanted to make sure everything was reasonable and he really feels that the tax rate should not be double digits. He also projects revenue stream will be increase \$2,500.00 for a sale of a police car and \$2,500.00 for health insurance revenue. Attorney Muller stated to change revenue it must be entered into record as a statement. Trustee Carota asked why the numbers are so specific on Trustee Girard's recommendations. Trustee Girard stated that some of his numbers are the actual numbers from the prior year budget. The Board discussed the recommendations without any changes being made this evening. DPW Superintendent, Brian Abare asked who would take over the By-Way mowing with the proposed cuts. Trustee Girard stated that Saratoga County has a program. Trustee Girard then stated the reality of it is that everyone is going to sacrifice, and he feels that this way the residents will not have the blunt of the impact. Mike Schaffer asked if there were cuts to the Fire Company budget. Trustee Girard stated that yes there are cuts and reviewed the lines with Mr. Schaffer. Trustee Carota stated that it looks like all departments are incurring cuts from Trustee Girard recommendations. Trustee Carota continued by saying that at this point it is only a Board discussion and if the Village Board feels the need to discuss any cuts with the Fire Company they will include them at that time.

Trustee Girard stated that there are options and one option is the Board just say no to his recommendation and raise the taxes. Deputy Treasurer Anna Tracy stated that the Village office is running on equipment that should have been replaced. Trustee Carota stated that he feels once the Village gets through this one tough year then the Village can put money away for equipment and vehicles. Trustee Girard stated that his intent is to have his recommendation as a starting point and he has tried to do what he feels is appropriate. He stated that he has no problem meeting with the Board and going through his alternative budget. There was discussion on whether there would be a special meeting or a workshop. Clerk-Treasurer Danae Bock asked if the January 2017 health insurance has been adjusted for increases of 13% - 18%. Trustee Girard stated if she (Danae Bock) has not included an increase then his recommendations mean nothing. Ms. Bock stated that it was not her responsibility to make sure the insurance line item included an increase and is correct. She is responsible for her department line items just like every other department head. Trustee Girard stated in his business he would take the projected increase and make sure it was in there. Ms. Bock agreed with what Trustee Girard was saying and asked if he verified that the increase was in there. Trustee Girard stated that he feels his workable budget is no good without the total health insurance adjustment. Trustee Carota stated that without or with the insurance there is \$80,000.00 in changes with Trustee Girard's recommendation and the Board should not give up that easy in trying making additional cuts. Attorney Muller stated that he did some quick math to the health insurance and he feels the Village is headed in the right direction through the savings in Elected Officials health insurance verses the increase for the 2017 year. Attorney Muller stated that there should be contact with the department heads due to the impact to the recommendations. The Clerk-Treasurer and the Police Chief

will not be available for any further meetings on the budget. Attorney Muller stated that the Village Board has the ability to still adopt a final budget, but cautions them to discuss cuts with the department heads first. Mr. Gutheil stated that he feels this is great dialog between the Board and he has done spread sheets on the health insurance. He is willing to help the Board in any way he can. Mr. Charlie Granger stated that he wanted to make sure that what is being discussed is the budget that Tony (Trustee Girard) put together. He asked if anyone else on the Board has put together a budget like Tony has. Mayor Orlow stated that the Board and Department Heads have been working on this budget for a year. Trustee Carota stated all elected officials and Department Heads submitted their budgets request. Mayor Orlow stated that Trustee Girard will be getting full credit for all the hard work he has put into his recommendations. Trustee Girard stated that the office is very good with suppling him the information he needed to complete his recommendation on his own. Trustee Carota moved to meet for a workshop and then transition into special meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 5:30pm and if agreed upon by resolution there will be a vote on the budget. Trustee Girard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Attorney Muller stated again if there is not an adopted budget prior by May 1, 2016 the Tentative Budget accepted on April 7, 2016 will become the Village's 2016-2017 budget. Attorney Muller again cautioned the Board about making cuts to items that might be a contract covered expense.

2) March 2016 Financial Statement

Trustee Carota moved to approve the March 2016 Financial Statement. Seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

3) Common Roots Sewer Line

DPW Superintendent, Brian Abare explained to the Board the DPW Department inadvertently tapped into the wrong sewer line, and it was discovered when the business had a back-up. Trustee Girard moved to approve reimbursement of \$465.45; seconded by Trustee Carota. The Board unanimously approved.

4) Return Summer Concert Donation – Frances and Cynthia Hogan

Trustee Hayes moved to approve the return of the \$50.00 donation; Trustee Carota seconded the motion. And the Board unanimously approved.

5) Betar By-Way Donation- Adirondack Runners

Trustee Hayes moved to approve the donation of \$50.00 from the Adirondack Runners; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously.

6) DPW Water Plant Fence Replacement

Mr. Abare stated that he received 3 quotes. Tyco Integrated \$29,626.00, Adirondack Fence \$29,960.00 and Afsco Fence for \$13,600.00 Trustee Hayes moved to approve Afsco Fence quote; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously.

7) DPW Water Plant Fire Alarm System

Mr. Abare stated that this was discussed at a prior meeting. The following quotes were received Foresight Electronic Monitoring \$2,354.84, Mahoney Notify-Plus \$\$3,050.00 and NY Fire & Security \$3,575.00 Trustee Carota moved to approve Foresight Electronic for \$2,354.84; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

8) Revised - April 2016 Water/Sewer Warrant– Removed until the May 4, 2016 Board Meeting.

9) Account Transfers

Trustee Carota moved to approve the following:

1. FROM:	A5142.0100	PS	Snow Removal	\$25,000.00
TO:	A5110.0100	PS	St. Maint – Reg	\$25,000.00
2. FROM:	A5142.0101	PS	Snow Removal OT	\$1,912.50
TO:	A5110.0800	PS	St. Maint – FICA/Med	\$1,912.50
3. FROM:	A8170.0100	PS	St. Cleaning Reg	\$15,000.00
TO:	A5110.0100	PS	St. Maint – Reg	\$15,000.00
4. FROM:	A8170.0100	PS	St. Cleaning FICA/Med	\$1,150.00
TO:	A5110.0800	PS	St. Maint – FICA/Med	\$1,150.00

Trustee Girard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

10) Animal Control Officer – on file

11) DPW Report – on file

12) Trustee’s Report –

Trustee Hayes – There was a meeting with the consultants regarding additional funding that might be available to the Village for the water tower project. At this point the water tank will need to be stripped and a primer put on prior to repainting.

The second salary survey has been mailed out and it is important that residents complete them and return them. This is going to help the Village qualify for funding. The next step will be going door to door if need be.

Trustee Carota – None

Trustee Girard – The funding for the water tower project that Trustee Hayes is talking about is a 60/40 program.

The Planning Board met and they are revising their By-Laws.

13) Mayor Report – None

Mayor Orlow opened the meeting back up for Public Forum.

At 8:45 PM Mayor Orlow asked to close the Public Meeting Trustee Hayes moved to close the meeting; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

Dannae Bock