

**Village Board of Trustees
Meeting minutes of March 13, 2014**

Present: Mayor Lee, Trustees Gates, Bimmler, Speer, Fowler
Village Manager/Clerk, Shari Pearce
Treasurer Maryalice Edwards
Superintendent, Mike McHenry
Assistant Superintendent, Keith Brown
Code Enforcement, Mike Lissow
DPW Employees, Cody Kelly, Russ Zurick
Shannon Zabelny

The purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15 and discuss other miscellaneous issues.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Budget Presentation

Maryalice Edwards went through a PowerPoint presentation of the items included in the proposed budget, as well as an overview of year-to-date revenue and expenses for 2014-2015. General discussion followed.

Water Rates Increase

Shari Pearce stated Monroe County has increased our bulk water rate by \$.11 per 1,000 gallons. The budget team recommended increasing our rates the same amount.

Resolution to increase water rates from \$2.77/per thousand gallons to \$2.88 effective with the May water billing. Motion was made by Trustee Gates, seconded by Trustee Speer. Carried Unanimously 5-0.

Sales Tax

Sales Tax – The board had a dialog on the estimated sales tax revenue. The consensus of the board was to project the same amount we did in the previous budget.

Community Center

Rent increase to Community Center: The budget team recommended increasing all the rents by 2%. Back in January, when the Town of Parma Recreation Lease was to be renewed, the board

increased their rent by 2%. The board agreed to increase all tenants by 2% beginning with the new lease renewals on June 1, 2014.

Resolution to increase all Community Center tenants by 2% effective with the fiscal year. Motion made by Trustee Gates, seconded by Trustee Fowler. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Electric Program

Shari Pearce had a conversation with the board regarding the position the electric program has been facing these past couple of months with the market prices being so high. Shari Pearce stated the program has lost upward to \$100,000 since the summer. She recommended placing the program in an inactive status and return the customers back to RG&E. We are purchasing electric in the high teens, low \$.20 range and half of our customers are on the fixed rate of \$.065, which the Village is taking a substantial loss each month and no longer can sustain these types of losses. She remarked we cannot risk the general fund subsidizing the electric fund. The board agreed and were in consensus we need to close the electric program for a six month period and re-evaluate in the fall.

Resolution to authorize the Village Manager to proceed with placing the electric company in an inactive status for a period of six months. All customers will be returned back to the main utility, which is RG&E. After six months, the board will review the position of the electric company and make a determination to dissolve the program or re-enter the market. Motion made by Trustee Gates, seconded by Trustee Speer. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Executive Session

Resolution made by Trustee Gates to enter into executive session at 7:15 p.m. Trustee Fowler seconded by motion. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Resolution made by Trustee Speer to exit out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Bimmler. Carried unanimously 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Pearce, Village Manager/Clerk

