

**Special Village Board Meeting
Friday, April 17, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.**

A special Village Board meeting was held on the above date at 11:30 a.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Robert Morris
Trustee Edward Markunas

ALSO PRESENT: Virginia Menschner, Village Clerk

ABSENT: Trustee Matthew Byrne
Attorney Terry Rice

The Mayor said this is a special Village Board meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 17, 2015 to discuss the tax cap and the water and sewer rate increases.

The Mayor said at the last meeting the Board asked that we reconvene after receiving information that they would request from the Village Treasurer as well as a report on the water and sewer funds. We are here today to discuss and vote on whether we are going forward with these adoptions for the budget.

Trustee Markunas said we received some of the information this morning and he reviewed it and he feels that we need additional time to review the budget and the water and sewer funds. He asked if he could make a recommendation. The Mayor said we are just discussing so yes, you can make a recommendation but don't put it in a formal - Trustee Markunas said he is fine. The Mayor said yes, so go ahead. She said so your recommendation is to - Trustee Markunas said to table the meeting until next week. The Mayor said okay. She said just to reiterate she said that Ed and Matt went up and spoke to the auditor from the State Comptroller's office to whom we - the Trustees felt that we needed an analysis of our budget. Unfortunately without these numbers they are unable to do that analysis she guesses, and she doesn't want to say accurately because she is sure it is very accurate - but conclusively that anything that they would recommend she guesses would not be on a full budget. So she just wants to make sure that everybody understands that. The Mayor asked Trustee Markunas if that was true - that that is what they conveyed to him, correct? That they need that information. Trustee Markunas said he is not totally sure on that but he would like to speak to him again. He would like to speak to the auditor again. The Mayor said okay. But in the meeting that you had with Mr. Byrne - Mr. Byrne and yourself had come back to say that they would give us until today. That they would start putting their report together as of Monday - Trustee Markunas said

he said by next week. The Mayor said okay. She asked if anyone else wanted to speak.

Trustee Hagen said he would like to talk to Mike Genito again about this last copy - the Mayor said that is not in this meeting. That is about the budget itself? Trustee Hagen said yes. The Mayor said so we really can't discuss that because the meeting is about the water and sewer and the tax cap. Trustee Hagen said basically he would like to table it too because of that. The Mayor said okay, but for today we are only talking about water and sewer and the tax cap. Trustee Hagen said right. The Mayor said in Mr. Genito's recommendation he highly advises and strongly recommends that no change in the tax cap is vital for us to progress with the deficit in the water/sewer fund. And even if there were cuts that were able to be made in those funds he would still strongly suggest that the rates stay the same to help with the deficit financing going forward. The deficit reduction. Trustee Markunas said the rates stay the same that he proposed. The Mayor said correct. Trustee Markunas said he needs to also speak to Mr. Genito. The Mayor said okay, that is fine.

Trustee Morris said he probably has some questions with Mr. Genito saying that he wants the rates to remain the same. Again, we looked at it briefly and he probably finds a lot of areas to agree with this and he would like to have a discussion with him. The Mayor said okay, very good. She asked if everybody has had their say? She said to Trustee Markunas that again he would go forward with his motion to table. Trustee Markunas said yes, he would make a motion to table the water, sewer rate increases along with the 2% tax cap until sometime next week. The Mayor said okay. The motion was seconded by Trustee Morris.

AYES: Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Robert Morris

NOES: Mayor Patricia Abato

ABSENT: Trustee Matthew Byrne

The Mayor said we will meet again next week. Trustee Markunas said he wants to really get a thorough review here again because it is so concerning - the feedback that he is getting from the residents of this Village which is outrageous. He said he does understand the complexity and the severity of this budget being presented in time, which we will present it in time. The Mayor said correct, absolutely. But he needs more time. The Mayor said okay, not a problem. She said so this Board, by majority, has decided that they will table the vote for the tax cap and the sewer and water rates. She asked if they would like to put in a date to reconvene or - she said she has to mention again that Barbara has told you that without the water and sewer rates - Trustee Markunas asked when is

the mailing. The Mayor said the mailing would be prepared first. Ms. Cottiers said she really should know by next Friday in order to calculate it. Trustee Hagen said we will come up with a date. The Mayor said she should tell them that before the auditors left on Friday that they did tell her that they are going to start preparing their report.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 1:07 p.m. was made by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Jim Giannettino asked the Mayor when is Mike available to get together. The Mayor said if you call him he will make time right away. He is very good about it. Trustee Markunas said he did actually call to meet with him specifically and he was denied just because of the time frame. The Mayor said because it was the same day or something like that. But if you give him a day's notice.