

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Budget Meeting

February 21, 2012

Members Present: Mayor Clark (left 5:25 p.m.); Trustees Bowden, Dosch, Prophet (5:20 p.m. – 6:35 p.m.), Rasmussen; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel
Guests Present: Tim O’Grady

1. Meeting Opening – Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M. in the Village Hall.
2. Tentative Budget – Clerk-Treasurer Koegel presented the preliminary 2012-13 working budget to the Board at the regular board meeting of February 14, 2012.
3. Opening Notes –
 - a. Assessed Value increased by \$415,283.
 - b. State Aid and CHIPS are anticipated to remain at the same levels as 2011-12.
 - c. Retirement Costs increased another 20%, after a 33% increase last year.
4. Discussion By Fund –
 - a. General Fund – If the tax rate were held steady, the preliminary budget shows a deficit of \$78,300. The board discussed how to close this deficit, including discussion about the police department operations and revenue requests to the colleges.
 - i. Fund Balance – The Fund Balance is targeted to be used for:
 1. Retirement – 2012-13 increase. (\$20,900)
 2. South Main paving – The Fund Balance will be replenished for a portion of the 2011-12 expenditure through the CHIPS program.
 3. Police car – (\$28,120)
 4. Streets/Water Dumptruck – 50% (\$12,250)
 - ii. Operating Expenditures – Most contractual expenditures remaining steady.
 - iii. Fire Protection and Ambulance Service – The board discussed the contract increase requests at 7% and 5%.
 - iv. Part-time wages – The board discussed the wage rates of part-time employees.
 - v. Justice Court – The board discussed the salaries of the village justice and acting justice.
 - vi. Village Band – The board discussed the funding for the village band.
 - b. Water
 - i. Fund Balance – The Fund balance is targeted to be used for:
 1. Streets/Water Dumptruck – 50% (\$12,250)
 2. Water Equipment Valves (\$20,600)
 - c. Sewer
 - i. Long-Term Capital Plan – The village is planning equipment replacement through NYSERDA and Bond funding.
 - ii. Fund Balance – The Fund balance is targeted to be used for \$14,000 in equipment repair/replacement.

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5. Water/Sewer Rates
 - a. Rate Structure – The Board discussed setting a commercial water rate.
6. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel
Clerk-Treasurer