

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Budget Meeting

February 12, 2013

Present: Mayor Clark; Trustees Dosch, Rasmussen, Bowden; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady, and 3 members of the public

1. **Meeting Opening** – Mayor Clark opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Preliminary Budget** – Mayor Clark summarized the budget process to those in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel presented the preliminary 2013-14 working budget to the Board and explained the figures.
3. **Opening Notes** –
 - a. **Assessed Value** increased by \$6,863.
 - b. **State Aid and CHIPS** are anticipated to remain at the same levels as 2012-13.
 - c. **Retirement Costs** increased 15%.
4. **Discussion By Fund** –
 - a. **General Fund** – If the tax rate were held steady, the preliminary budget shows a deficit of \$181,028. The board discussed how to close this deficit, focusing on reducing the number of paving projects. The group discussed retirement increases and proposed state policy changes; they also discussed state aid.
 - i. **Fund Balance** – The Fund Balance is targeted to be used for retirement increases, paving and equipment purchases.
 - ii. **Fire Protection and Ambulance Service** – The board discussed the 5% contract increase request.
 - b. **Sewer**
 - i. **Skid Steer** – Mayor Clark requested to know the number of clock hours on the skid steer.
 - ii. **Sanitary Sewer** – Trustee Dosch requested removal of \$36,000 from the budget for televising, stating the funds would be better used toward repairing problems in the event they arise.
5. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer