

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Budget Meeting

February 19, 2014

Present: Mayor Grigg; Trustees McDowell, Prophet (left 6:00p.m.), Rasmussen, Bowden; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady

1. **Meeting Opening** –Mayor Grigg opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.
2. Closing the Budget-gap - The mayor explained his suggestions to close the budget gap, asked for other strategies and asked for feedback.
3. Revenues – The board discussed PILOTs and public safety income and agreed to budget certain portions of revenue previously found in those categories now under the donations account.
4. Services –
 - a. Village board representatives have an upcoming meeting with the police union.
 - b. Village board representatives among the lowest paid across the state.
 - c. Garbage collection alternatives were discussed.
 - d. Fire Department services in the village and town were discussed
 - e. Police service in the town was discussed.
5. Budget Cuts – The following changes were discussed. The board was asked to bring proposals to the next budget meeting for closing the gap that remains.
 - i. General Fund
 1. Cut Steiner tractor with associated revenue from sale of old equipment
 2. Cut Street sweeper
 3. Cut Paving
 4. Cut Priming and painting of exterior wood on Village Hall
 5. Put nothing in reserve, with goal of preserving existing fund balance
 6. Add PAYT refuse revenue
 7. Add transfer from water fund
 8. Cut Police car with increase of \$2,000 in police auto repair expense
 9. Possible police expense reductions, uncertain at this time
 - ii. Water Fund
 1. Cut Reservoir #2 (lower Pine Hill) routine maintenance
 2. Reduce amount placed in reserve
 3. Transfer to general fund and sewer fund
 - iii. Sewer Fund Cuts
 1. Add transfer from water fund
 2. Sandblasting and painting of tanks (1 allowed, 2 removed)
 3. Increase sewer rents to pay for heat exchanger bond interest

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6. Sewer Fund Capital Project – Trustee Bowden stated we need a contingency plan in case we don't get the EFC grant for Chesapeake Bay compliance.
7. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer