

# MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Budget Meeting

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February 25, 2014

**Present:** Mayor Grigg; Trustees McDowell, Prophet, 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 asked for board member proposals to close the budget gap.
3. Revenues –
  - a. Property Taxes – The board discussed the property tax cap and agreed to increase taxes by an additional \$35,000-40,000, an amount that would be within the tax cap. Even though the levy increase would be above 2%, it would be within the limit due to carryover of unused levy limits from prior years and exclusion for the removal of PILOTs from the budget.
  - b. Reserves – The board agreed to take \$100,000 from General Fund reserves and \$20,100 from Sewer Fund reserves.
4. Services –
  - a. Garbage collection alternatives were discussed. The board agreed to budget for a Pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) garbage service with details to be finalized by summer 2014.
  - b. Public survey – The board proposed a survey of the public regarding preference for services.
5. Long-term Planning – The board agreed to work throughout the year on revenue and service discussions with the colleges and town; medical insurance and employee costs; and long-term capital planning.
6. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer