

**VILLAGE OF DEXTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES
DEXTER MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM
MARCH 17, 2015
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REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

By Mayor James Eves

PRESENT

James Eves Mayor, Trustees Bruce Nutting, Richard Stevenson, Daniel O Connell and Renee Stano.

ALSO PRESENT

Stephen Lane Village Manager, Charlene Mannigan Deputy Clerk Treasurer and 5 General Brown Government students.

MINUTES

Motion Trustee Stevenson second Trustee Stano to approve the regular monthly minutes of the Village of Dexter Board meeting held on 2/17/15 at 6:45PM in the Village Conference Room. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

PUBLIC HEARING- FOR THE TAX CAP OVERRIDE

6:45pm Motion Trustee Stevenson second Trustee Nutting to open the public hearing for comments on the Proposed Local Law #1 2015 to override the property tax cap law for the 2015-2016 budget. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

Motion Trustee Nutting second Trustee O Connell to close the hearing at 7pm. No comments. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

Motion Trustee Nutting second Trustee O Connell to approve Resolution # 1 2015 overriding the tax cap for the 2015-2016 village budget. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson,, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS

Motion Trustee Stano second Trustee Stevenson to approve the Bank statements, Treasurer's Report Revenue and Appropriation account Balances for period ending 2/28/15 and 3/17/15 abstracts, and bills. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

APPROVAL OF NECESSARY TRANSFERS AND ABSTRACT OF WARRANTS

Abstracts

3/17/15	General fund	Abstract #15	Voucher #391-420	\$13,178.23
	Water fund	Abstract #15	#69-78	\$12,179.25
	Sewer fund	Abstract #15	#72-80	\$10,305.48
	Bldg fund	Abstract #15	#17-30	\$25,957.77
	Sewer Project	Abstract #15	#5-6	\$33,317.71

POLICE REPORT

Motion Trustee O Connell second Trustee Nutting to approve the January & February Police reports and February time sheet. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees, Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

JUSTICE COURT

Motion Trustee Stano second Trustee Stevenson to approve the February court report. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

Justice Court Annual Audit

Motion Trustee Stano second Trustee Stevenson to approve the 2014 accounting records for Village Justice Melba Ellingsworth. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Mayor James Eves Sewer treatment plant

The DEC and DOH review of the sewer project and the engineers final updates should be done by the end of March. The EFC will have 2 months to review the project. Bids may go out in September.

Trustee Bruce Nutting- Water Plant

The DPW repaired lateral leaks on E Kirby St and W Bradley St.

New water pump

The engineer is working on proposals for a new pump.

Trustee Richard Stevenson-Streets, sidewalks and ditches

The DPW have been patching holes in road.

Trustee Daniel O Connell –Equipment

The DPW have been cleaning up from winter.

Trustee Renee Stano- Buildings & grounds

New Office Building

Wiring and plumbing are in, ceilings have sheetrock.

Getting quotes on a furnace and security systems.

MAYORS REPORT-INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Discussion

Watertown Jefferson County Area Transportation Council Meetings

Mayor will attend the first meeting. The Mayor would like a Trustee to be the village representative.

Discussion on 2015-16 tentative budget.

Budget hearing date

Motion Trustee Stano second Trustee Stevenson to change the date of the regular April Village Board meeting to 4/14/15, and hold the public hearing on the 2016-17 tentative budget and sewer capital plan at 6:45 PM.

Budget Discussion

Mayor salary

The Mayor dedicates an increasing number of hours to overseeing various village projects, securing project funding, and attending NYS mandated meetings. The Village Board will increase the mayors salary because of the amount of time the position requires.

Motion Trustee Stevenson second O Connell to increase the Mayor's salary by \$1,000.

Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson. O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

Refuse & recycling increase for 2015-16

Contract increase discussion

Feher Rubbish had a low bid of \$39,900. 2 years ago.

The Village refuse contract signed at that time did not have the wording “3% maximum increase for extending the contract.

The contract does say we can extend the contract for 2 one year extensions.

There are not many refuse collection companies to send bids to.

Tipping fees are going up. The Town of Brownville pays the village fee.

It would be more expensive for a homeowner to hire private haulers it costs \$12 a week for pickup on Rte 12E.

To have pickup in Carthage it costs \$29 every 2 weeks, with recycling picked up every 2 weeks.

Motion Trustee Stevenson second Trustee Stano to extend the Refuse contract with Feher Rubbish for one year at \$50,011.56. Ayes 5 Mayor Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

Homeowner quarterly refuse rate increase

The quarterly refuse charge will need to be increased from \$30 a quarter to \$35 a quarter. It breaks down to \$2.67 a week for pickup.

Motion Trustee Stevenson second Trustee Stano to increase the quarterly refuse billing \$5.00 to cover the increased refuse & recycling contract. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

Discussion Home owner quarterly Sewer Rate increase

The principal EFC payment is 2% on the loan money the village uses January – December of a year. The payment due January 23, 2016 will be \$2,500.

The Board will not have to increase the quarterly rate \$15.00

Motion Trustee Stevenson second Trustee O Connell to increase a village resident \$6.00 a quarter. Outside users, General Brown School, and Breezy knolls minimum rates will increase \$12. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano, Nays 0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mr. Countryman has already taken down his 2 rental homes.

Mr. Kostyk purchased the Navarra property and taken down the trailer.

Mr. House has taken his trailer out.

PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mr Countryman still needs to submit his engineer plans for his business expansion

INFORMATION

Spring cleanup is scheduled for the entire village Saturday May 2, 2015.

The November election will be held in the engine room this year.

Representative from the election board have seen in the new office building, they may use it for elections next year.

The contractor cannot start work on the bridge until National grid connects the electrical for the traffic lights.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOP AND MEETINGS

The office will be closed Thursday 3/26/15 for training at JCC

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

File is available for review

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Trustee Stevenson second Trustee Stano to adjourn at 7:10pm.

Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano, Nays 0.

