

Budget Hearing Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 8:00 PM
Village Hall Courtroom

A public hearing to hear the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 was held on the above date at 8:07 PM immediately after the public hearing for proposed Local Law No. 01 of 2024.

The hearing was held in person and by way of video/teleconference as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86463410555?pwd=WTN5Nng2U296MGFmd01OaVh4ZEEdSQT09>

Meeting ID: 864 6341 0555

Passcode: 972167

Dial: 16465588656

Present were Mayor Kevin M. Fitzgerald, Trustees Lynn Pombonyo, Frank J. Chiara, Jennifer Stewart and Michael Longobardi, Village Administrator Gerard M. Bambrick, Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus, Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Joseph O'Grady, Deputy Clerk Lara Verbanac, Deputy Treasurer Steven Arnone, Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt, Assessor and Deputy Tax Collector Michael Derby, Library Director Pat Eren, Library Board Member Linda Price, Police Lt. William Doherty, Fire Department 2nd Assistant Chief Gil Luger and Stenographer Mary Kate Waldron.

Village Clerk Susan E. Walsh, Village Attorney John Ryan and Police Commissioner Stephen G. McAllister were excused.

Purpose: To present the Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025.

Following his opening statements Mayor Fitzgerald presented an overview of the tentative annual budget in a power point presentation highlighting the services and operations that the Village provides. The Mayor emphasized that the Board strives to balance keeping the taxes as low as possible and provide optimal services while dealing with the most significant inflationary increase that the US has experienced in quite some time. He announced that the NYS Comptroller's Office reviewed the Village's finances and grade awarded is a sign of both good budgeting and fiscal management through the year. In closing he thanked all those who worked on the budget for 2024/2025.

As part of the power point presentation, Village Administrator Bambrick presented a breakdown of taxes as they relate to the areas of services that the Village provides to its residents for 2024-2025 for the General Fund Appropriations and Revenues. He explained the New York State Tax Cap, tax levy increase, assessed valuations, the proposed tax rate and provided an example of an allocation of Village taxes for an average home assessed at \$37,693.

Trustees Pombonyo, Chiara, Stewart and Longobardi presented line-item details for their respective areas of budgetary oversight.

Mayor Fitzgerald opened the discussion to the public for questions. He asked the Board if they had any further questions or comments. There being none, the Mayor asked for a motion to reserve decision and close the hearing.

Trustee Pombonyo offered **Resolution No. 2024-70** to reserve decision on the budget and closed the public hearing.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Chiara and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Trustee Stewart	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Mayor Fitzgerald	- Aye

Mayor Fitzgerald closed the hearing at 9:15 PM.

A copy of the transcript and legal notice of public hearing is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk