

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 1, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING to consider the Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2013-14

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor	Marsha B. Merrick, Clerk/Treasurer
Sandra F. Brennan., Deputy Mayor	Eric Osganian, Police Chief
Margaret E. Duff, Trustee	Andrew Chanler, Fire Chief
Benjamin Gajewski, Trustee	
Robert Wilcox, Trustee	

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Becky McKeown

1. HEARING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the public hearing at 5:30PM, stating that the appropriate notification had been published. The budget was presented to the Board of Trustees two weeks ago; a committee consisting of Budget Officer/Mayor Hatheway, Deputy Mayor Brennan, Clerk/Treasurer Merrick, Supt. Frazier, Supt. McTarnaghan, Police Chief Osganian and Fire Chief Chanler developed the budget.

A summary sheet has been prepared and was distributed. The Board first reviewed revenues, including a tax rate increase of less than 3%, which amounts to approximately \$2/month for a mythical \$150,000 house. Revenue increases were projected in the following areas: sales tax, ambulance fees, parking lot fees, rental housing fees, and mortgage tax. Total increases amount to \$42,000. Revenues are projected to decrease in ambulance contract billing to the Town of Groveland, as well as youth recreation fees from the Towns of Groveland and Geneseo due to declining enrollment. A decrease was also projected in interest and earnings on bank balances. The tentative budget does not include any rate increases for water or sewer.

In terms of appropriations, the total budget (including general, water and sewer) increase of \$101,613 between the current year and the upcoming budget year can be attributed to salaries, health insurance and retirement benefits amounting to \$127,000. The significant appropriation decrease is in the debt service category, because we will be making a final payment on a piece of equipment in the current budget year. Increased appropriations are in elections, building project, contingent, police equipment reserve, fire department equipment reserve, street lighting, youth recreation (to reinstate the cost of the swimming program) and code enforcement.

That is a broad overview, Mayor Hatheway stated. There are no salary increases for Board members in the new budget. In fact, those have not been increased since 2007. Discussion followed with regard to perhaps looking at board member salary increases in the future.

Further review of the budget took place.

2. HEARING CLOSED:

Without further comments or questions, Deputy Mayor Brennan moved and Trustee Gajewski seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Gajewski-Aye, Trustee Wilcox-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. The motion passed and the hearing closed at 7:20PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk