

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING – February 15, 2023** at 4:00 pm at the Village office.

Present: Mayor Scholl, Trustees Akin, Bennett, Jarvis, Mullady; Account Clerk-Typist, Cassandra Charland; WWTP Chief Operator, Larry Carrow

Mayor Scholl requested Kelli Bingel to be **appointed as Budget Officer** in the absence of Clerk-Treasurer, Donna Taylor. Motion made by Trustee Mullady; seconded by Trustee Akin. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Scholl advised that the Village currently only has Donna Taylor as signatory on the Bank of Castille account, which is used for EMS receipts. Trustee Jarvis introduced **Resolution 23-02-15-01 to add Kelli Bingel, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, as signatory on the Bank of Castille** account. Seconded by Trustee Akin. Akin-yes; Bennett-yes; Jarvis-yes; Mullady-yes; Scholl-yes. Resolution carried.

There was discussion regarding the property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters. There are many stipulations and a local law will have to be passed. The Town of Dannemora has elected to evaluate it next year. Trustee Akin voiced that the Village will need to ensure accurate records of current firefighters annually if this is done. Firefighters will need to have a minimum of one year of service to be considered. The attorney and Town supervisor will be contacted to see if local law verbiage exists. Trustee Jarvis introduced **Resolution 23-02-15-02 to adopt a local law to accept property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters**; seconded by Trustee Bennett. Akin-yes; Bennett-yes; Jarvis-yes; Mullady-yes; Scholl-yes. Resolution Carried.

The **budgetary requests for the Waste Water Treatment Plant** were reviewed and discussed. Discussion was held regarding training, compliance, equipment requests, projects in conjunction with public works, and the WWTP Dredging Project which should hopefully have a cost significantly lower than previously anticipated. Discussion was also held regarding hiring of a summer laborer.

Trustee Akin made a motion adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm; seconded by Trustee Mullady. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Clerk

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Bennett

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Jarvis

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Mullady

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Mayor Scholl