

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF LYONS BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 76 WILLIAM STREET, LYONS, NEW YORK.

PRESENT: Corrine Kleisle, Mayor  
Dennis Alvaro, Deputy Mayor  
Richard Evangelist, Joanne Greco, Terry VanStean, Trustees  
Michael Donalty, Police Chief  
Charles Witt, Fire Chief  
Denise Darcangelis, Clerk-Treasurer  
Michael Salerno, General Working Foreman

Mayor Kleisle welcomed everyone present and all stood for the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Kleisle called the meeting to order and a Public Hearing on the 2010-2011 budget was declared. The legal notice was read by the Clerk-Treasurer and the affidavit of posting was presented.

Mayor Kleisle explained the taxes relate to the General Fund. The budget stands at a 2.32% increase over last year's budget, with a proposed tax increase of 2.4%. This year's budget has increased approximately \$46,000 from 2009-2010. Total assessed valuation has decreased approximately \$100,000 from last year.

Mayor Kleisle reviewed the budget lines in detail. She opened the hearing for public comment as each budget line was discussed.

Ms. Anne Salerno, 75 Broad Street, questioned the number of hours the Village Attorney works. Mayor Kleisle replied it has been averaging 3 days a month.

Ms. Brenda VanDuyne, Catherine Street, questioned if the contingency amount in the General Fund was split three ways. Mayor Kleisle explained that it was not, the Water and the Sewer fund are self funding.

Ms. Jennel Horton, 30 High Street, questioned the On Street Parking Attendants hours and duties. Mayor Kleisle explained she starts at 7:30 A.M. to do school traffic, she fills in for the Clerk at the Lyons Police Station when she is at lunch or is out, she does school traffic in the afternoon, and fills in her day with the parking attendant job. She works 35 hours per week.

Mr. Charlie Bridger, 77 Phelps Street, questioned the paid fire drivers. He asked what was unique about Lyons, that we are the only community in the area to have paid drivers. Chief Witt explained Lyons currently has 30 volunteers and there are not many young firemen. They provide immediate response to all calls dispatched, EMS, Confine Space, and Hazardous Materials coverage. The volunteers have purchased four fire trucks that are not paid by Village taxpayers. The Volunteers hold fundraisers to offset costs to keep the expenses down for the taxpayers. Mr. Anthony Calabrese, 100 Catherine Street, questioned if people donate to the Lyons Fire Department, Chief Witt replied yes. Mayor Kleisle commented she has recommended the Lyons Fire Department put on their website all the gear and equipment they have purchased themselves that save taxpayers money.

Ms. Anne Salerno, 75 Broad Street, questioned what streets will be paved this summer. Mayor Kleisle explained the streets are done by priority and at this time a list has not been completed.

Mr. John Cinelli, 44 Dickerson Street, questioned if the Village has looked into leasing equipment, instead of purchasing it. He stated he is seeing more and more municipalities doing this. Mayor Kleisle commented we have not looked into leasing equipment.

Mr. Cinelli, questions how much money was being donated to the Lyons Community Center. Mayor Kleisle explained none in the 2010-2011 budget. We currently have \$18,000, from 2009-2010, that will be used for this year's summer program. Ms. Salerno stated she did not approve that the Village does not support any other non profit organizations. She questioned what services she is getting by donating money to the Lyons Community Center. Trustee Greco explained the summer program's objectives.

Mr. Cinelli questioned the Cole Road pit opening this weekend, if we schedule overtime for this or do we change work schedules. Mayor Kleisle explained to him we are short staff in the Department of Public Works and have a lot of in-kind work to complete this summer for the grants we have received. She advised him we are scheduling overtime for when the Cole Road pit is open.

Stuart Smart, 75 Board Street, questioned if we use county jail people for the weekend program. Mayor Kleisle stated yes we do utilize that program and schedule them when they are able to work in our area.

Ms. VanDuyne questioned the Planning amount of \$28,400. Mayor Kleisle explained we are in the process of paying for a grant writer to administer grants and look for more. \$22,400 would be for the grant writer and \$6,000 is slotted for updating our municipal code books.

Ms. Salerno questioned the health care and if any employees paid toward this. Mayor Kleisle stated any employee hired after June 1, 2004 contribute 15% of the cost of the premium.

Mayor Kleisle then discussed the Water Fund. She stated there will be rate increases in the water and sewer. Parker Hannifin was 25% of the total revenue received and with their closing this has impacted both funds. The water fund was in a \$212,000 deficit when she took office in 2005. The expenses have been reduced in both funds. This budget is \$100,000 less than the 2004-2005 budget. We are currently having a study done by Stu Brown's Office for their recommendations moving forward. Trustee VanStean is working with engineers to see if any funding left from the Waste Water Treatment Project can be used at the Water Plant. Trustee VanStean agrees we must become more efficient and more cost effective.

Mr. Cinelli questioned, if we are losing 25% of our usage, are we still producing the same amount of water. Mayor Kleisle commented we have dropped the amount of water being produced. He then questioned if there are any reduction in expenses or employee time. Trustee VanStean stated the water plant is not efficient. Because of the condition of the softeners, it takes longer to pump the water through them.

Ms. Salerno questioned if a parsonage is left empty for a period of time and not being used can that go back on the tax role. Mayor Kleisle stated this is being looked into. She also questioned if Canal View is payment in lieu of taxes. Mayor Kleisle stated the agreement has not been finalized with them. Ms. Salerno also questioned the Alternative Veteran's Exemption. Mayor Kleisle stated the Village Board has not made a decision on this matter yet.

Ms. Salerno also questioned how many Village employees are residents of Lyons, Sewer Plant- none, Water Plant-one part-time, DPW-5, Fire House-2 full time, 3 part time, everyone in the Village Office, Police Department-2 full time, one part time, Village Justice-1. Ms. Smart questioned if we should make a residency requirement for Village employees. Mayor Kleisle stated the Village does not have a residency requirement and feels this does not work as you can't force people to live in any other area than their hometown.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Evangelist, second by Mr. Alvaro

RESOLVED that the Public Hearing on the 2010-2011 budget is hereby closed at 8:35 P.M.

AYES: Mr. Alvaro, Mr. Evangelist, Ms. Greco, Mr. VanStean

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. VanStean, second by Mr. Alvaro

RESOLVED that the 2010-2011 budget for the Village of Lyons be adopted. (Per attached)

AYES: Mr. Alvaro, Mr. Evangelist, Ms. Greco, Mr. VanStean

Regular session resumed at 8:35P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Alvaro, second by Mr. VanStean

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

AYES: Mr. Alvaro, Mr. Evangelist, Ms. Greco, Mr. VanStean

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

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Denise Darcangelis, Clerk-Treasurer

