

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hudson Falls was held on 3/26/15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall for purposes of presenting the 2015-2016 Tentative Budget and such other business that may come before the Board.

Present: Deputy Mayor Thomas VanAernem
Trustee Michael Horrigan
Trustee Robert Cook
Trustee James Gallagher
Absent: Mayor John Barton

The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting and advised that the purpose of the meeting was to present the 2015-2016 Tentative Budget.

Clerk Brayman outlined the tentative budget. The total 2015-2016 Village Budget is \$4,960,089 which consists of \$3,961,689 from the General Fund and \$998,400 from the Water Fund. The proposed budget results in an increase in the amount to be raised in taxes of 3.76%. A \$100,000 residential assessment is projected to increase by \$32.07. The tentative budget is within the NYS Tax Cap requirements. The proposed tax rate is 7.9037/1,000 – last year’s tax rate was 7.583/1,000 (increase in 4.23%). Total Assessments decreased by \$1,414,742 from last year. The public hearing on the budget will take place on 4/6/15 at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried it is

RESOLVED, that Chief Diamond’s request to hire Stephen Bunio of Wilton as part-time patrolman effective 3/18/15 at a rate of \$18.00/hr. be approved.

Roll Call:	Trustee Gallagher	Aye
	Trustee VanAernem	Aye
	Trustee Cook	Aye
	Trustee Horrigan	Aye

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried it is

RESOLVED, that Chief Diamond’s request to hire Zachery Tanner of Queensbury as part-time patrolman effective 3/18/15 at a rate of \$18.00/hr. be approved

Roll Call:	Trustee Gallagher	Aye
	Trustee VanAernem	Aye
	Trustee Cook	Aye
	Trustee Horrigan	Nay

For the record Trustee Horrigan was not in favor of hiring Zachery Tanner due to the requirement and cost of training Officer Tanner. He feels the Village is being used as a stepping stone – once a trainee gets their required in-service training they are moving on. He estimated the cost of in-service training to be \$2,700.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried it is

RESOLVED, that Superintendent Fiorillo be authorized to sign the required NYS DOT PERM 1 Form “Undertaking for the Benefit of the NYS DOT in Connection with work affecting state highways” on behalf of the Village of Hudson Falls.

The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting to public comment as there was a member of the public in attendance.

Tom Noble, 10C Oakwood Drive inquired as to the budget process. Mr. Noble thought this was the final budget hearing. He was provided with a copy of the Tentative Budget. Trustee Horrigan advised Mr. Noble that this meeting was to present the 2015-16 Tentative Budget to the Board of Trustees. A public hearing on the budget will be held on April 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Noble advised that he didn't have any particular questions at this time.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Cook and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Village Clerk