## SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

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This Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, New York. Mayor Neil S. Dwyer called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. Emergency exits were announced.

Present: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl, and O'Connor Also present: Attorney Terhune, Village Clerk Zahra, and Treasurer Feliz

## **DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Dwyer explained a marked-up copy of a budget was shared with the Board on March 31, 2023. This was by no means prepared as a tentative budget. On March 20, 2023 and March 22, 2023, Budget Workshops were held and Department Heads shared their wish lists for 2023/2024. Preliminary work on the budget began March 20, 2023. Nothing was done to mislead the public or the Board. Noted on the website was the Tentative Budget for work done and that budget was voted for on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 where the budget failed with no action taken resulted. We are here today, Friday, April 28, 2023 for the Board to consider the budget and once again vote.

Trustee Ferraro explained that if the so-called Tentative Budget shared with the Board on March 31, 2023 is the budget, the Village taxpayers will see a 7.5% increase or more to their bill.

Trustee Karl questioned Mayor Dwyer, "Would you have voted if you knew this March 31, 2023 budget would be the adopted budget by default?" Trustee Karl said the budget was clean and fair, his only bone of contention was the Mayor salary.

Trustee Behringer said there had been no negotiations for the Mayor salary. She says she will vote with her heart, she is her own person.

Trustee O'Connor supports the Mayor salary in the budget and feels the budget is fair.

## **BUDGET ADOPTION FY/2024:**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees adopts the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 as follows:

General Fund: \$11,850,378 Water Fund: \$2,652,336

Amount to be raised by Taxes: \$7,465,594

Tax Rate per thousand of assessed valuation: \$43.83

Increase \$25.50 on a \$50,000 assessed valuation and on a \$100,000 assessed valuation

\$51.00.

Tax Rate increase rate: 1.18%

**Revenues: \$4,284,784** 

Appropriated Fund Balance: \$100,000

On a motion by Trustee O'Connor seconded by Trustee Ferraro

Ayes: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Ferraro and O'Connor

**Nays: Trustees Behringer and Karl** 

PUBLIC COMMENT: # PRESENT 3 TIME: 6:25PM

Paulette Browne, Village resident, thought there should have been a referendum and that perhaps the Board could have negotiated the salary before the meeting.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Karl and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Zahra Village Clerk