

Waterbury Village Board of Trustees Meeting
Wesley Methodist Church
January 29, 2013

Attendees: P. Howard Flanders, Village President; Lawrence Sayah and Natalie Howell Sherman, Trustees; William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; Kristen Fountain, Waterbury Record; David Taube, Times Argus; and Carla Lawrence, Village Clerk.

The meeting was called to order 1:00pm.

W. Shepeluk sent a memo out after the last meeting with adjustments to some of the budget items. Income from PILOT payments was increased from \$35,000 to \$40,000; and from Town PILOT and Agency Assists from \$8,100 to \$9,150. Total revenues increased from \$53,525 to \$62,075.

Actual 2012 expenditures were increased by an audit expense of \$4,250; and the budgeted legal expense dropped from \$15,000 to \$11,000. The year-end fund balance is \$50,474.

The budget presented last week showed a tax rate of .1716/\$100 of valuation. The Trustees indicated a desire to see a .16 tax rate. The Manager recommended the following:

- transfer \$40,000 from the CIP fund authorized by the voters in 2012 and post the revenue to 2012;
- ask the voters for authority to borrow to finance the purchase of a new cruiser over 4 years; and
- transfer \$38,000 to the general fund in 2014 to help pay for expenses incurred by having a third full-time police officer for a full year.

The Board then asked Chief Feccia for the pros and cons of having an additional full-time officer versus utilizing more part-time officers. The Chief stated that there are not enough part-time officers available to cover all of the shifts without working too many hours. The two full-time officers have a lot on their plates, and it is difficult to cover vacation and sick days. L. Sayah suggested offering a bonus to hire a full-time certified officer.

J. Feccia asked if the budget could be voted by Australian ballot. The pros and cons were discussed.

N. Howell-Sherman made a motion to authorize the Manager to transfer the entire \$40,000 as authorized by the Village voters in 2012 and post this amount to 2012. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.

N. Howell-Sherman made a motion to approve the 2013 budget as presented with spending of \$450,950 that requires \$311,450 to be raised in taxes. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.

The Boards discussed reports to be include in the Annual Village Report: LTCR report, report on the status of the lawsuit, report on the work done with Mary Fillmore, the police chief's report, and the dedication.

W. Shepeluk gave the Board an update on the status of the bond vote. The estimate from Stantec has increased by \$296,000. The warning needs to be signed by Monday February 4th.

P. H. Flanders suggested drafting a resolution in appreciation of the work done by ReBuild Waterbury. The Annual report will contain an article.

Darren Winham would like to meet with the Trustees to discuss the work he is doing. There may be a joint meeting on Wednesday February 13th during which Black River Design will update the Boards on their progress, and he will be invited to that meeting.

A brief conversation was held with regard to the police department providing the press with statistics.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence,
Village Clerk

Approved on: Feb 13, 2013

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