

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**JAN. 16, 2017**                      **7 PM**

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Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Mayor Neville, Trustees Conger, Morey and Evener, Nancy Niswender-Deputy Treasurer, Chad Shurtleff-DPW Supervisor, Steve Teeter-Electric Utility Supervisor, Lance Coit-Fire Chief, Ben Nelson-Deputy Fire Chief, Tim Williams-Police OIC, Morris Peck, Lee Shurtleff, Frank Yager, Lisa Yager

Absent was: Trustee Holl

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Trustee Evener.

Trustee Evener made a motion to approve the claims presented for review, and to adjust the budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$12,700

To: Employee Benefits-Group Medical Ins.-9060.8-\$12,700

Seconded by Trustee Morey, carried. The above adjustment and claims paid are covered by the following lists of abstracts of audited vouchers:

GENERAL (A8)	\$41,308.89	JOINT REC (J8)	\$379.25
WATER (F8)	12,562.86	COM DEV (PI 17-1)	1,113.42
SEWER (G8)	5,252.97		
ELECTRIC (E8)	118,776.84		

Department Reports:

Electric – Supervisor Teeter reported that the Dept. has started their monthly safety training sessions in Endicott. The next class is later this week and it provides OSHA required training. The Dept. is trimming trees as the weather permits. The line that runs through the woods to the trailer park was trimmed that involved climbing of the trees because the bucket truck was not able to reach them. The Dept. picked up Christmas trees. Yearly inspections on the trucks were performed. The Dept. snow plow equipment needed some repairs. Village Electric Inspector Floyd Ferris inspected that pump and bathhouses at Memorial Park for possible needed upgrades. Mostly grounding issues and upgraded lighting is what is needed and the Dept. will work on these improvements as the weather permits.

Admin. Rankin reported that there will be a Special MEUA Meeting in East Syracuse on Weds., Jan. 25 that will go over the proposed "white paper" with the Power Authority and the RECs and ZECs that will be being billed to the Village under Clean Energy Standards.

Public Works – Supervisor Shurtleff reported that the Dept. has been de-icing and plowing on a regular basis. The Dept. has been working on de-icing sidewalks where icing occurs. One of the plow trucks has broken down. It was thought it was a snapped axle, but more problems were discovered and is now at Caskey's Garage to get them fixed. Dept. has been working on street signs and maintenance at the water plants. Pumps have been installed at the filter plant to assist with the clean in place procedure. Trustee Evener thanked Supervisor Shurtleff and his crew for their efforts involving a water leak near his home on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Fire and Ambulance – Chief Coit reported that the Dept. will be conducting required OSHA training on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the station. The Dept. will have a chicken barbeque on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Engine 802 is at Caskey's. They will be providing an estimate to keep it in service. Chief Coit reviewed the annual report with the Board. The fire calls were up a little, and the ambulance calls down. Ambulance assists were down by 101. Most of the ones that we had were before the third full-time paramedic was hired.

Police – Lt. Williams reported that the Dept. has responded to 75 incidents year to date. 2,098 calls were answered in 2016, which is up from previous years, much of which is due to change in reporting. 288 traffic stops resulted in 239 tickets. There were 42 arrests, which is down from the previous four years.

Joint Recreation – Trustee Conger reported boys and girls basketball have had scrimmages with Dryden. Cabin Fever is set for Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Circus Culture and Crossroads the Clown have been booked for the event. The youth sports meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended and Mayor Neville opened the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 2 of 2017, "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c"

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Morris Peck informed the Board caps that different Federal and State agencies impose. The board expressed their appreciation of the information and briefly explained the workings of the property tax cap and that it is the Board's intention to keep within the cap if possible.

Being no further comments, Trustee Conger made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that Local Law No. of 2017, "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c", be adopted, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye".

Trustee Evener voted "aye".

Trustee Morey voted "aye".

Mayor Neville voted "aye".

Trustee Holl was absent.

The resolution was duly declared adopted. [Type II Action under SEQR.]

Public Comments – None.

Trustee Evener made a motion to approve the slate of fire chiefs for 2017: Lance Coit-Chief, Ben Nelson-Deputy Chief, Michael Neville-First Assistant Chief, Richard Neville, Jr-Second Assistant Chief and William Walsh-Third Assistant Chief. Seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Mayor Neville appointed JENNIFER FOOTE-DEAN as the Village rep on the Joint Recreation Committee to replace Sheila Ossit, who has resigned as of Jan. 31, 2017. Trustee Evener made a motion to approve the appointment effective Feb. 1, 2017, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Evener made a motion that the Village use State and/or County bid prices for 2017 for a) the purchase of asphalt and bituminous materials and b) kerosene, diesel and unleaded fuel. Seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the Village participates in the Tompkins County Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium for 2017, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Trustee Evener made a motion to approve travel for Chuck Rankin to attend the annual GFOA Conference in Albany, March 29-31, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Evener made a motion to approve travel to the PERMA Annual Conference in Bolton Landing, May 25 & 26, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

The first budget meeting was scheduled for Saturday, February 25 at 9 am.

There was discussion in regards to the Village Hall roof and how to proceed. Money was placed in the budget to fix the east half of the roof. It was the consensus of the board for specs to be prepared with options for both a shingle and steel roof.

Trustee Conger made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the Fire/Ambulance Dept., seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to move out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Evener, carried. There were no votes taken or resolutions adopted during the session.

The meeting was closed at 8:45 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles V. Rankin".

**CHARLES V. RANKIN**  
Village Clerk