

December 8, 2014 the regular Town Board meeting was held in the Dresden Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. and Councilman Barber was absent and the remaining board members were in attendance. The pledge to the flag was led by Sup. Gang. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

Old Business: The state audit and the tax cap are all within standards and is balanced and looks good. The current 2015 Town Budget is on the town web site as well as the agenda and the minutes but otherwise there is nothing new.

Coun. Wilbur asked is there is a way to use the website to gain incoming revenue by having paid advertisements from local businesses. Sup. Gang replied that he would look into any legalities for it and discuss it with the town attorney.

The monthly financials were given to the board as well as the 2015 budget.

New Business: The town Historian, Kathy Huntington, attended the meeting and gave a yearly update about what has been happening. She handed the board members a copy of a project list for 2014 which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

There will be a town wide Christmas party held in the town hall for all the residents on December 20, 2014 beginning at 1 p.m. and Linda Barber and Susan Ives will be heading it up. The town gave the children's recreation fund a \$500 donation to purchase gifts and supplies.

The numbers for the town wide retirees' health insurance came in and there was an 18% increase using MVP. The board has decided that we will continue to pay the increase so as not to change their prescription plan. There will need to be future discussions about the coverage. A motion by Coun. Wilbur and a second by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor to continue with the current coverage for 2015.

Resolution #33-2014 titled **2014 Budget Amendment, Highway** and is on file in the town clerk's office was put forth by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor. It was for additional money to cover State Unemployment Expenses from a fund balance.

Ed Valor, a member of the Sewer District Committee, addressed the board about a town law that would have been enacted in regards to the sewer districts having each individual homeowner being responsible for pump replacements in the event of a necessary repair. To the town's knowledge there isn't one on file. Currently there is an Operation and Maintenance fee schedule for each member of the sewer districts located in Huletts Landing for their respective district. If there is a need for replacement or repair it is taken out of that fund. However, due to alleged overuse of sewer systems due to renting of properties it would seem unfair for the homeowners who do not rent out their properties to assume the cost to replace the pumps or provide repairs with money paid into the sewer Operation and Maintenance fund. There are currently no laws on file addressing that each individual homeowner is responsible for repair and or replacement of the pumps servicing the residence. Sup. Gang will talk to the town attorney and see if this can be passed by the town board or the sewer committee.

There will be a 2014 closeout meeting held on December 29, 2014 beginning at 6 p.m.

County Business: The tax monies collected on behalf of Level III have all been returned and paid for on behalf of the town and there will be a 2.85% tax increase for the operating budget for the county. There is no further news.

A motion to adjourn was made by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond. A continuation and complete adjournment will be final after the meeting on December 29th.

The meeting began with additional Budget Amendments. **Resolution #34-2014** titled **2014 Budget Amendment, Highway** is on file in the town clerk's office. It authorizes the budget officer to increase appropriation to cover the cost of snow removal payroll and contractual costs. A motion was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

Resolution #35-2014 titled **Budget Amendment, General** is on file in the town clerk's office. It authorizes the budget officer to increase appropriations to cover the cost of increased medical insurance costs and the transfer of 2013 weed monies to the Highway Budget. A motion was made by Coun. Barber and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

A few remaining bills were submitted to be audited for the month of December and a motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

There were 4 bids requested for the BAN for the financing of the truck we are looking to purchase. Glens Falls National Bank is requesting the town's financials. First Niagara would need us to borrow more money than we need and Berkshire Bank does not do municipal commercial loans. Community Bank is willing to finance the BAN with a 2.39% interest. A motion to accept Community Bank was made by Coun. Barber and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

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The 2015 Organizational Meeting will be held in conjunction with the January regular town board meeting and will be held on January 12, 2015 beginning at 6:30 p.m. to audit the bills. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur.