

**Waterbury Village Board of Trustees Meeting
Main Street Fire Station
July 23, 2014**

Attendees: P. Howard Flanders, Village President; Lawrence Sayah, Natalie Howell-Sherman, Trustees; William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; Joby Feccia, Waterbury Police Chief; Anne Imhoff, ORCA Media; and Denise McCarty, Board Secretary.

Opening and Call to Order

P. Howard Flanders called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Approve Agenda

W. Shepeluk asked to present information on the impact of the Village reappraisal on the tax rate.

Public

No public attended

Discussion of Police Report for June

J. Feccia previously distributed speed reports for Union Street, South Main Street, and North Main Street. The speed device is currently on Stowe Street, and J. Feccia indicated he would like to check out Winooski Street as paving was recently completed. The reports were discussed as well as various other ways to control speeding. J. Feccia stated that this data may be used to set up targeted enforcement. He may also use the device in stealth mode to collect speed reports without the display.

P. H. Flanders asked about State Police response in Waterbury during off duty hours. J. Feccia will ask the VSP for this information. A discussion of the officer shift schedule followed.

The current rate for contractors to have police officers and police cruisers parked with lights flashing at construction sites is approximately \$50 per hour. Currently, RJ Caldwell is using his own vehicle with a flashing blue light near the McDonnell construction project as Chief Feccia does not want a Waterbury police vehicle used this way. The contractor is currently paying the Village of Waterbury \$10 per hour for the car and blue light service. W. Shepeluk recommended that the Trustees allow the Village to reimburse the Waterbury Officer for using his own car for special detail at the rate of \$10 per hour in addition to the officer's regular rate of pay or overtime pay if applicable. **L. Sayah made a motion to authorize the Municipal Manager to pay an officer reimbursement for use of his own car on special detail at \$10 per hour in addition to his regular rate of pay. The motion was seconded by N. Howell-Sherman and passed unanimously.**

W. Shepeluk reminded the Trustees that there was a commitment from a previous meeting regarding one of them visiting the local schools and speaking to school administration about monetarily contributing to the Waterbury Police Department. P. Howard Flanders stated that he would follow up on this.

Consider Lease for Police Station Space in Steele Block

W. Shepeluk has received a lease from Ed Steele, owner of Steele Block, LLC for review and consideration. The third floor space would be preferred rather than the second floor. There is a working elevator for the public to access the third floor. Discussion followed. It is a 10 year lease starting on June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2024 with monthly rental increment increases. Discussion followed. **N. Howell-Sherman motioned to authorize the Municipal Manager to sign a 10 year lease with Steele Block, LLC for space on the third floor to be used by the Waterbury Police Department. L. Sayah seconded the motion. The motion was voted and passed unanimously.**

Status of Highway Materials Relocation at the Dog Park Site

There are still highway materials and debris at the location of the proposed dog park site. The volunteers of the dog park would like to mulch the area and have the materials removed before fall. W. Shepeluk will talk with Alex Tuscany on the status of this project. How do we free up some of the highway equipment to complete this project? Discussion followed. W. Shepeluk stated that staff might be able to use the equipment and work on the weekends to complete this project. This would require being paid overtime to be billed to the specific staff's department. P. Howard Flanders hopes that by the August meeting there will be a solution.

Discussion of Roy Schiff Study on Implications of Flood Plain Regulations

A question was asked as to what percentage of buildings is in the flood plain, and how the study impact the Village's ability to grow. How will the study and flood plain regulations impact the tax rate? Discussion followed. No action taken at this time.

Minutes - July 7th, July 9th

The Board of Trustees Meeting minutes from a Joint Meeting with the Selectboard on July 7th and a Special Meeting on July 9th were reviewed. N. Howell-Sherman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by P. H. Flanders and passed unanimously.

Impact of Reappraisal on Village Tax Rate

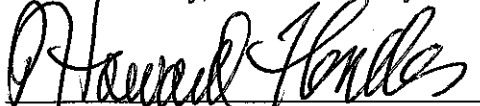
W. Shepeluk reported to the Trustees that in 2014, the amount approved by voters is \$321,155. The increase of \$9,705 represents an increase of 3.12% in the aggregate taxes. The Grand List of the Village dropped to \$1,920,233 in 2014 which equates to a 1.917% drop in the Village's aggregate value for taxable properties. This drop requires that an additional \$.0032/100 to be added to the tax rates to help generate the \$321,155 in tax dollars that the voters approved. The total increase is 5.0911%. Of this percentage 60.5% is attributable to the increase in taxes approved and 39.5% is attributed to the loss of property value. Unless the value of a property decreased by 5.09% or more, taxes increased. Those were values dropped by 5.09% saw no change in their tax bill, in spite of the reappraisal. If the value of the property increased by only 1%, the tax bill increased by 6.14%. No action was taken at this time.

Adjourn

There will be a Special Meeting of the Trustees on Tuesday, July 29th at St. Leo's Parish. The meeting will be warned. **N. Howell Sherman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.**

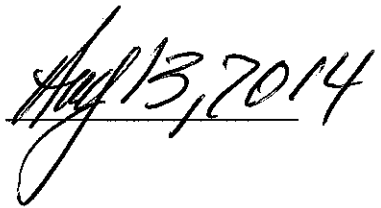
Respectfully submitted,

Denise McCarty, Board Secretary

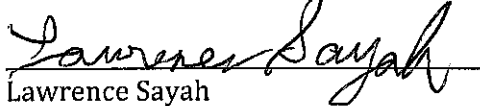


P. Howard Flanders

Approved on:



Natalie Howell-Sherman



Lawrence Sayah