

Regular Meeting #10

A Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloan was held on March 8, 2016, 7:00pm at the Village Municipal Building, 425 Reiman Street, Village of Sloan, County of Erie, and State of New York. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Trustee Tammy Bayes
Trustee Doreen Spence
Trustee Thomas Ferrucci
Trustee Barry Ping
Mayor James Niwinski

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2016, and Audit Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2016

Motion by Trustee Bayes, Second by Trustee Ferrucci

Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci

Nays: None

Approval of Budget Modification #8 of the 2015/2016 General Fund Budget as follows:

5110.416	General Repairs- Gasoline	5,000.00	5130.200	Machinery- Equipment
5132.405	Garage- Gas/Heat	3,000.00	5130.200	Machinery- Equipment
5142.100	Snow Removal- Personal Services	6,689.00	5130.200	Machinery- Equipment
5410.400	Sidewalks- Contractual	10,600.00	5130.200	Machinery- Equipment
1210.407	Executive- Travel & Expense	500.00	1325.407	Treasurer- Trvl & Expense
1620.405	Village Hall- Gas/Heat	482.00	1325.426	Treasurer- Tax Roll Prep
3410.214	Fire Protection- Matching Grant	656.00	3410.426	Fire Prot- Refill Oxygen
3410.214	Fire Protection- Matching Grant	152.00	3410.407	Fire Prot- Travel & Expense
3410.214	Fire Protection- Matching Grant	158.00	3410.400	Fire Prot- Contractual
3410.202	Fire Protection-Computers & A/V	232.00	3410.400	Fire Prot- Contractual
3410.200	Fire Protection- Equipment	2,100.00	3410.402	Fire Prot- Medical Supplies

Motion by Trustee Ping, Second by Trustee Spence

Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci

Nays: None

Approval of Abstract 019 of the 2015/2016 General Fund Budget, vouchers 456 through 480 for a total payment of \$17,021.50.

Motion by Trustee Bayes, Second by Trustee Ping

Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci

Nays: None

Department Reports

Highway- Eugene Beszczynski: Sewer cleaning, pothole repairs

Fire- Alan Wieberg: Structure fire at 82 Gates Street, Seminar with Rick Laskey March 5, 2016

Code Enforcement- Vince Ferraraccio: Annual report to Board of 2015 Building Permits, 82 Gates Street fire

Attorney- ECWA Meter billing

Trustees- Mayor Niwinski: CMOM and CAP (Corrective Action Plan) has been submitted to the NYS DEC as required by the Order on Consent

Fire Hall Rental Requests

Mike McCafferty 3/19/2016

Thomas Kornowski 4/2/2016

Paul Zogaria 4/23/2016

Mike McCafferty 5/1/2016

Joe Farris 6/25/2016

Coralys Bareto 7/16/2016

Debora Striewing 7/23/2016

Derek Robinson 8/6/2016

Jeffrey Jarembek 8/27/2016

Motion by Trustee Ping, Second by Trustee Bayes

Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci

Nays: None

Griffith Park Shelter Requests

Edward Michalski 8/20/2016

Arts Council 6/30, 7/14, 7/28 and 8/11/2016 with an additional request for fee waiver

Motion by Trustee Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Spence

Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci

Nays: None

Piekarski Community Center Requests

William Street Taxpayers Association 4/5/2016 with an additional request for fee waiver
Motion by Trustee Ping, Second by Mayor Niwinski
Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci
Nays: None

Obsolete Equipment

Motion by Trustee Spence, Second by Trustee Ferrucci to declare obsolete the following equipment from the Department of Public Works and to dispose of the same:
G60 Notebook, Inventory #985, Ryobi Sawall 18.0 volt, Inventory #1303
Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci
Nays: None

Schedule Budget Public Hearing and Meeting

Motion by Trustee Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Bayes to schedule a Budget Hearing and Meeting on April 27, 2016 at 6:00pm for the purpose of reviewing and possible adoption of the 2016/2017 Budget.
Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci
Nays: None

Appointments

Motion by Mayor Niwinski, Second by Trustee Ping authorizing membership in the Sloan Active Hose Co. No 1 for Brendan Delbert.
Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci
Nays: None

Motion by Mayor Niwinski, Second by Trustee Bayes appointing Paul Zogaria to the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately.
Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci
Nays: None

Property Tax Cap Resolution

Whereas, the Association of Towns of the State of New York has made Property Tax Cap Reform a legislative priority for 2016; and
Whereas, the New York Conference of Mayors has recommended that the New York State Cap Tax be improved in 2016; and
Whereas, the property tax cap was extended until June 15, 2020 with modification to the manner in which PILOT properties are treated when determining a local government's tax cap formula; and
Whereas, Erie County towns and villages responsibly manage their finances, with the majority of Erie County towns and villages levying at or below the allowable limit, despite limited revenue sources, stagnant state/federal aid and increasing expenses; and
Whereas, New York State governs the manner in which Erie County towns and villages raise revenue; and
Whereas, New York State has primarily provided real property tax relief through ad hoc property tax exemptions over comprehensive property tax reform, resulting in a tax shift rather than a tax reduction, as well as additional administrative and litigation costs; and
Whereas, the tax cap has slowed the growth in Erie County property tax levies, but encouraged budget-balancing maneuvers, reduced fiscally prudent fund balances, cut municipal workforce with accompanying service, maximized restructuring and shared services agreements, and postponed key public infrastructure investment; and
Whereas, the quality of life in Erie County towns and villages is threatened by the lack of investment to improve and mitigate problems in roads, bridges, water, and sewer systems; **Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the tax cap should not be one tied to inflation but one with a 1.5% floor; or that New York State should implement a Tax Cap Equalization Aid program that would provide aid in the amount equal to the difference between what the municipality property tax levy would be under a 2% cap and what it actually is under the tax cap CPI calculation; and **Be It Further Resolved**, that Exemptions to the Tax Cap should include capital projects and infrastructure improvements in utilities, transportation and communications, costs associated with compliance orders, and structured costs such as pension contributions, and emergency services.
Motion by Trustee Spence, Second by Trustee Bayes
Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci
Nays: None

Equipment Purchase

Motion by Trustee Ferrucci, Second by Trustee Ping authorizing the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar Wheel Loader, Model 930M, on New York State Office of Governmental Services Pricing 40625, in an amount of \$137,127.00, including a \$20,000.00 trade-in allowance on a Deere Wheel Loader Model 544E.
Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci
Nays: None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Niwinski, Second by Trustee Bayes to adjourn meeting at 7:14pm.
Ayes: Mayor Niwinski, Trustee Ping, Trustee Spence, Trustee Bayes, Trustee Ferrucci
Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Smith
Village Clerk/Treasurer