

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING – 2010/2011 TENTATIVE BUDGET
APR. 5, 2009 6:15 PM**

Mayor Evener opened the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Present were: Mayor Evener, Trustees Molino, Conger, Morey, Perkins

Pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Evener made the following appointments:

Committees & Commissions

Board of Light Comm. (3 yr)- Karl Stamm
Board of Water Comm. (3 yr)-Phil Shurtleff
Board of Police Comm. (3 yr)-Brian Robison
Village Planning Board (5 yr)-Frank Heine
(1 yr)-David Howe
Zoning Board of Appeals (5 yr)-Kerry Manzell
Village Loan Committee (1 yr)-Michael Molino, Elizabeth Conger, Karl Stamm, Ed Westlake, Brian Klumpp, *with* Gary Watrous, Bernie Thoma, Chuck Rankin-ex-officio
Groton Health Care Corp.(1 yr)-Jeff Evener-Pres., Betty Conger-Vice Pres., Jean Morey –
Sec/Treas

Committee Chairpersons (all 1 yr terms)

Police Commissioner-James Perkins
Fire Commissioner –Jeff Evener
Street Commissioner –Betty Conger
Water Commissioner –Michael Molino
Sanitation [Sewer] Commissioner – Jeff Evener
Light Commissioner – Jeff Evener
Park Commissioner-Mike Molino
Finance-Jeff Evener, Michael Molino
Code & Ordinance- Jeff Evener, Betty Conger
Emergency Preparedness [formerly Civil Defense & Disaster]-Jeff Evener
TV Cable Franchise-Mike Molino
Dog Control –Mike Molino
Buildings & Grounds-Jean Morey
Sidewalks-Jean Morey
Timber Harvest –James Perkins
Memorial Bells-Betty Conger
Technology Development-Mike Molino
Youth Commission Rep-Betty Conger
Joint Rec Committee Rep-Betty Conger
Chairperson, Village Planning Board – Frank Heine
Chairperson, Zoning Board of Appeals –Kerry Manzell

Other Appointments (all 1 yr except as noted)

Village Engineer -CT Male Assoc
Village Attorney -Peter Grossman (& BGDM)
Village Historian -Lee Shurtleff
Auditors -CDL & M, CPA's

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the appointments made by Mayor Evener, seconded by Trustee Perkins, carried.

Mayor Evener made the following mayoral appointments that do not require board approval:

Deputy Mayor –Mike Molino (Apr.-Sept., then Alt. Deputy Mayor – Oct.-Mar.)
Alt. Deputy Mayor –James Perkins (Apr.-Sept., then Deputy Mayor-Oct.-Mar.)
Budget Officer-Chuck Rankin

Trustee Molino made a motion that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GROTON be designated as the official depository of the Village for the official year, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Morey made a motion that the GROTON INDEPENDENT be designated as the official newspaper for the official year, seconded by Trustee Perkins, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the third Monday of each month be designated as the official meeting night for the Board of Trustees, with meeting time of 7 pm (with the exception of September, in which the regular meeting will be on the second Monday), seconded by Trustee Molino, carried. The meeting nights will be scheduled as follows:

April 19, 2010	August 16, 2010	December 20, 2010
May 17, 2010	*Sept. 13, 2010	January 17, 2011
June 21, 2010	October 18, 2010	February 21, 2011
July 21, 2010	November 15, 2010	March 21, 2011

In regards to possible conflicts of interest:

Trustee Morey noted that her husband is the Town Supervisor, Town of Groton.
Trustee Molino noted that his father is on the Board of Education, Groton Central School.

Trustee Perkins made a motion to following travel:

- a) NYCOM Annual Meeting, May 16-18, Saratoga Springs, for board members and Village Administrator, who may wish to attend.
- b) NYCOM Fall Training School, Sept. 20-24, Lake Placid, for Chuck Rankin & Vicki Lewis.

Seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

The meeting was temporarily suspended and Mayor Evener opened the Public Hearing on the 2010/2011 Tentative Budget.

The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Evener noted that the Board has strived to keep this year's budget within the realm of reasonableness, with the tax levy increasing 3% and the tax rate 2%. The increase rate is to cover all expected costs.

It was further noted that to achieve this level, the pool will be open less hours, there will be less paving done, there will be no summer jobs program, the half clerk's position in the Police Dept. will not be filled and the Director of Public Works and Utilities position will not be filled at this time.

Trustee Conger made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Budget Officer Rankin noted one edition that had to be made to Schedule 6 prior to the adoption of the budget.

Trustee Molino offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JUNE 1, 2010 AND ENDING ON MAY 31, 2011, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF VILLAGE GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has met at a time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget and have heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tentative Budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in each column after each appropriation in Schedule 1A (General Fund), 1F (Water Fund), 1G (Sewer Fund), 1CD (Community Development), 1V (Debt Service Fund), 1J (Joint Recreation Fund), together with the amounts set forth in Statement 1 (Electric Utility operations) as required, for the payment of principal and interest on indebtedness (Schedule 6), be and they are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and salaries and wages stated in Schedule 5 of such budget be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein, effective June 1, 2010, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax rate for 2010 be set at a rate, which at the time of this resolution, that is estimated to be \$7.845 per thousand of assessed valuation, to fund a tax levy of \$623,000.

Seconded by Trustee Conger, and upon roll call:

Trustee Conger voted "aye".
Trustee Molino voted "aye".
Trustee Morey voted "aye".
Trustee Perkins voted "aye".
Mayor Evener voted "aye".

The budget was duly declared adopted.

Trustee Molino made a motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters in the Code Enforcement and Fire Depts., seconded by Trustee Perkins, carried.

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

Mayor Evener appointed AMANDA OSTRANDER to the position of Paramedic, part-time. Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

The meeting was closed at 7 pm.

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk

