

Special Meeting
April 18, 2013

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M., local time, in the Village Board Room, to hold a special meeting pertaining to discussion of the annual budget. Officers and Trustees present were President Ackerman, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Cler, Ehler, Hethke, Jones, and Severins. President Ackerman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were Travis Youmans and Robert Hesterberg.

President Ackerman introduced Treasurer Duitsman who presented a budget worksheet for fiscal year 2013-2014. He also had a revised Treasurer's Report for March 31, 2013. He said the Village would not need to raise taxes, but we may need to raise the sewer rates. There was discussion regarding the loss of Hicksgas and how that would affect the Village income tax. Duitsman said he would contact our attorney to ask if we should be receiving 5% of the income from the video gaming machines in the Village. He said all of the wages on the worksheet for both full and part time employees reflect a 3% raise. Discussion followed. There was discussion regarding not doing any sidewalk construction this summer and using that money (\$20,000) toward drainage projects. Trustee Cler said there are no plans for any street maintenance this year, but we should check into sealcoating some of the newer asphalt roads, and doing some crack filling. He had an estimate from Royal Sealcoating for \$8,400 to do the cul de sacs in the North Pointe subdivision and fill cracks along North West Street and North Pointe Drive. He also suggested looking into the asphalt areas on Eiler Drive and Summit Street. There was discussion regarding raising sewer rates. Duitsman had a spreadsheet with area village rates, and our rates are much lower. He said he would talk to Jess Childress and try to include it in the budget for the May meeting. There was discussion of a \$6-7 increase. Duitsman said he would make the appropriate changes to the budget to present for Board approval at the May meeting.

Trustee Hethke moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Jones. All Trustees concurred in a roll call vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Approved by me this 2nd day of May 2013.

Village Clerk

President of the Board