

Special Budget Meeting  
April 29, 2014

The Village Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M., local time, in the Gifford State Bank Board Room, to hold their annual budget meeting. Officers and Trustees present were President Ackerman, Clerk Duden, and Trustees Baxter, Cler, Ehler, Jones, Severins, and Youmans. There were no guests in attendance.

President Ackerman presented Treasurer Duitsman who had given all those present copies of the proposed budget worksheet for f/y 2015. He said the Village should actually be okay this year, even after the damage from the tornado, but next year it will be tighter because of the new water tower construction. He recommended 1.5% raises across the board for all employees. He said the General Fund looked good and we could transfer into the Park Fund if needed. The Drainage Fund is okay and there is no drainage work planned until after home construction gets further along as that can impact drainage somewhat. The Disaster Recovery Fund has several grants and insurance claims to help with Village recovery. He said the insurance company is balking at some of the claims. Discussion followed. Duitsman said he is planning a meeting with the insurance company and several board members to discuss claims and billing. He thought the questionable items may total about \$80,000. Trustee Ehler suggested a bonus for Jess Childress for all the extra work and worry he has had to put in since the tornado just to keep the water running in the Village, and with all the snow plowing this past winter. After discussion, it was decided a \$2,000 bonus would be appropriate and would still fit in the budget. Ehler also said the Chris Duitsman may work on getting his certification on water treatment as well as police certification, so he can assist both Childress and Chief Weary.

Trustee Jones moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Trustee Youmans. All Trustees concurred in a voice vote. The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

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Village Clerk

Approved by me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014.

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President of the Board