

**Village of Ilion Budget Meeting
March 9, 2014**

Mayor Beth Neale called the March 9, 2014 special meeting to order at 2:00 PM at the Village of Ilion Municipal Building Board Room.

Present: Mayor Beth Neale, Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins, Trustee Charles Lester, **Absent:** Trustee Ted Gage, Trustee Joanne Moore.

Also Present: Village Clerk Linda Coffin, Village Treasurer Connie Gagliardi

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DPW Budget

Review was completed on each of the accounts as proposed from a previous meeting of the DPW Supervisor Sterling, Mayor, Village Treasurer, and Village Clerk. Suggestions and actions requested:

1. Review session concerning the DPW Garage and future needed plans.
2. Meeting with Insurance concerning future of the DPW Garage.
3. Review the Green Program for the building of a future garage
4. Review the Bandshell procedure and charges for a recommendation to be made at the March 26, 2014 VB meeting.

Village Treasurer Budget

Review was completed on each of the accounts as proposed from a previous meeting of the Village Treasurer, Mayor and Village Clerk.

Village Clerk Budget

Review was completed on each of the accounts as proposed from a previous meeting of the Village Clerk, Mayor and Village Treasurer.

Recreation Budget

Review was completed on each of the accounts.

Dave Whalen Community Field Usage: Mayor Neale mentioned that she had spoken with Pat Whalen concerning the upcoming season and scheduling for the usage of the Village fields. He is interested in continuing that again this season. She mentioned that he had a concern regarding the charging of the fees for use of the Whalen fields in the event of rain. MOTION made by Deputy Mayor Gookins and seconded by Trustee Lester to support the recommendation of Mr. Whalen to refund the money paid for usage of the Whalen field if use is not completed the result of rain, but that the procedure remain no refund if it is the result of non-show. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain			
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain			
Trustee Joanne Moore		Aye	Nay	X	Absent	Abstain		
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain			
Trustee Ted Gage		Aye	Nay	X	Absent	Abstain		
VOTE TOTAL:	3	Aye	0	Nay	2	Absent	0	Abstain

RV Park & Marina

Review completed.

Dockhands Advertise: MOTION made by Trustee Lester and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gookins to advertise for the position of Dockhands for work at the Village’s RV Park & Marina this summer season.

Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore		Aye	Nay	X	Absent
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage		Aye	Nay	X	Absent
VOTE TOTAL:	3	Aye	0	Nay	2
				Absent	0
					Abstain

Court Budget

Review completed.

Part-Time Court Clerk: MOTIN made by Trustee Lester and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gookins to create the position of part-time court clerk as recommended by Judge Canipe in his upcoming budget working under the specifications as set-forth by the Judge and starting in the next fiscal year pending passage of the 2014-15 fiscal year budget. *Discussion: This would be in addition to the current court clerk and would be on an as needed basis and always at the part-time level.* Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore		Aye	Nay	X	Absent
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage		Aye	Nay	X	Absent
VOTE TOTAL:	3	Aye	0	Nay	2
				Absent	0
					Abstain

It was further discussed that there is an increasing need to determine what should be happening regarding security needed during court sessions.

Library Budget

Review completed. General consensus acknowledgment heard in regards to the Library’s additional \$14,000 for their budget. Mentioned were the many programs they offer for youth and other residents in the Village, many without computers etc. The Library has also been successful in their grant applications to assist with their needs as well.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Attorney Charges- Budget Item: Mayor Neale stated that she had discussions with Hage & Hage firm that the Village would be cutting the fees from the current total fee of \$134,000 to \$90,000 total with \$30,000 for each water, electric and village general with the hourly rate to remain the same at \$105.00 per hour. More in-house work would be done where possible instead of using the attorneys. First and foremost with any process and working with the attorneys will be the thought of what is in the best interest of the Village as whole. MOTION made by Mayor Neale and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gookins to support the attorney fees with Hage & Hage for \$30,000 for water; \$30,000 for lights, and \$30,000 for Village General, with the understanding that the standard rate of \$105 hourly will be charged for any work outside the retainer work; with such to be outlined in the letter of engagement. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye		Nay		Absent		Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore		Aye		Nay	X	Absent		Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye		Nay		Absent		Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage		Aye		Nay	X	Absent		Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	3	Aye	0	Nay	2	Absent	0	Abstain

Cub Scouts Beautification Project: MOTION made by Deputy Mayor Gookins and seconded by Trustee Lester to authorize the Cub Scouts in Den 7 (sponsored by Barringer Road School) to erect bird houses, complete some plantings etc in the Remington Park on the corner of John and Otsego Streets as a part of their work towards a conservation award .*Discussion: the Scouts would be instructed to contact DPW Supervisor Sterling before beginning the project.* Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye		Nay		Absent		Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye		Nay		Absent		Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore		Aye		Nay	X	Absent		Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye		Nay		Absent		Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage		Aye		Nay	X	Absent		Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	3	Aye	0	Nay	2	Absent	0	Abstain

Realtors' Checklist: ACTION: Future consideration of the preparation of a checklist for the realtors selling homes/properties in the Village of Ilion. This could include the need to check with the Village concerning any runoff issues (as has there have been numerous complaints brought to the Village during meetings of situations regarding flooding/water run-off etc. nit known at the time of purchase.)

Discussions were held as well regarding further clarifications on the police department budget and future considerations. Also mentioned was some review of the Spohn's Contract in the near future, the result of a recent incident.

There being no further action to be taken MOTION made by Deputy Mayor Gookins and seconded by Trustee Lester to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. Motion passes the result of the following vote:

Mayor Beth Neale	X	Aye		Nay		Absent		Abstain
Deputy Mayor Larry Gookins	X	Aye		Nay		Absent		Abstain
Trustee Joanne Moore		Aye		Nay	X	Absent		Abstain
Trustee Charles Lester	X	Aye		Nay		Absent		Abstain
Trustee Ted Gage		Aye		Nay	X	Absent		Abstain
VOTE TOTAL:	3	Aye	0	Nay	2	Absent	0	Abstain

Respectfully submitted

Linda Coffin
Village Clerk