

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Public Hearing/Budget Hearing
Village Hall

March 11, 2014
6:30 PM

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NOTICE: Pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law § 104-1, notice of this meeting was given to the media at least seven days in advance and the same posted on the February 15, 2014.

Tonight's meeting minute notes: All votes by the Village of Earlville Board of Trustees (herein "Board" or "Village Board") 5-0 are to be read as "aye" votes from Village of Earlville Board of Trustees members Corey, Hayes, Moore and Chapman. The "Village Office" is the Village of Earlville Municipal Office located at 8 North Main Street. The "Planning Board" means the Village of Earlville Planning Board.

Mayor William Excell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Gerald Hayes, Henry Moore, Margaret Corey and Sara Chapman. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Beach and one resident (and son).

Mayor Excell explained the proposed Local Law #1-2014, entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c".


Mayor Excell discussed the total expenditures, the revenues, the tax levy and the tax rates. The general fund budget carries total expenditures of \$421,984.82 and a tax levy of \$201,496.40, increases of \$14,359.86 and \$13,182.01 respectively from the 2013-2014 budget. The Water Fund budget carries total expenditures of \$167,696.00; an increase of \$0.00 from the 2013-2014 budget. Revenues include Metered Water Sales and Debt Service Charges of \$164,896.00.

The resident stated that a 7% increase in the Tax Levy is too high in his opinion. Trustees explained that there has been no budget increase for several years; employee health benefit costs have increased, as well as NYS retirement costs. Operating costs continue to rise every year; however the budget has not increased to compensate for rising costs. Trustee Hayes pointed out how much money was spent on fuel in February to move snow with the backhoe and tractor. Excell explained how the Village is using shared services to save the Village money.

Moore stated he has no problem with the presented budget. Resident asked about tax rates and why they are different for Chenango and Madison Counties. Moore explained that the tax rates are based on the equalization rates, which are established by New York State and cannot be changed by anyone but New York State.

With no further discussion, Trustee Hayes ended the Public Hearing with a motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m., seconded by Trustee Chapman, and carried 4-0.

"I certify this document is a true and accurate description of the regular board meeting of the governing board of the Village of Earlville March 11, 2014."


Kelly Beach
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Earlville

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