

Village of Phoenix
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 6:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Anthony Fratto
Trustee Danny Dunn
Trustee John Halstead
Trustee David Pendergast
Trustee Ryan Wood
Village Administrator Jim Lynch
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo

0 Public in Attendance

Mayor Anthony Fratto called the Special Meeting to order 6:01 PM

A brief discussion relative to the proposed budget for fiscal year commencing March 1, 2015, in particular relative to the water/sewer increases. The Village Board discussed the errors that had been discovered resulting in under billing on a fairly consistent basis to users in the village and town, the need for addressing the Villages capital infrastructure needs and not simply our GWUDI conditions, and that Village residents in favor of resolving these issues once and for all, would be supportive of maintaining this positive momentum and understand that future rate increases are a necessary part of resolving our water issues. Nevertheless it was also made clear that the rate increase estimates were very conservatively formulated and thus many things could happen resulting in increased revenues and/or decreased expenses. To the extent a surplus may accrue, the Board might look to establish a capital reserve fund. Following project completion in early 2016, residents will now also be purchasing their water, another additional expense. The Village intends to, over the next year, complete its investigation into those properties benefiting from free water use, or paying less than their fair share, and as well, those properties benefitting simply as a result of billing errors or incorrect assumptions that have been repeated year after year. Assuming Town water superintendent duties, as proposed, will permit problems to be discovered and resolved quickly. In addition, properties that historically have avoided charges in error will now be freshly scrutinized, information will come to light and fairly soon all such properties (both within and outside the village) should be bearing their fair share.

Motion was made by Mayor Fratto to approve the amended tentative budget for General, Water and Sewer and Refuse as discussed on January 15th and including, without limitation, changes made as a result of the study for sewer and water chaired by Trustee Wood, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Motion was made by Trustee David Pendergast to adjourn the Special Board meeting at 6:50pm, seconded by Trustee Danny Dunn. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer