

**MINUTES** of a Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 8:30AM Village Hall, 111 Elm Street, Room 202, Penn Yan, NY 14527

**PRESENT:** Mayor R. Church; Trustees W. Allison; C. Christensen; M. Christensen; B. Winslow

**ABSENT:** Trustees W. Davidson; R. Stewart; Attorney Ed Brockman; Clerk/Treasurer S. Wilber; Director of Public Works B. Bodine; Assistant Director of Public Works B. Jensen; Police Chief Hulse; Parks Director D. Doyle; CEO B. Lyon; Fire Chief R. Simpson

**News Media present:** Gwen Chamberlain, Chronicle Express

**PUBLIC:** None

Mayor Church called the Special Village Board meeting to order at 8:30 AM

Mayor Church explained the Village will be the lead agency on a grant application for the state. This will help to finance water and sewer upgrades at the old boat factory site Waddell Ave. The grant application is due by October 31 and we need to hold two public hearings before then. Ryan Hallings from (IDA) Industrial Development Agency is writing the grant. Mayor stated there are grants available for NYS infrastructure for waterfront development site. Mayor Church mentioned we are looking at only the boat launch site right now.

**MOTION** by Trustee M. Christensen, seconded by Trustee Winslow to set two Public Hearings – first on Monday October 24, 2011 at 6:00PM and second one on Wednesday October 26, 2011 at 6:00PM

Mayor Church	Aye	Trustee Davidson	Absent
Trustee Allison	Aye	Trustee Stewart	Absent
Trustee C. Christensen	Aye	Trustee Winslow	Aye
Trustee M. Christensen	Aye		

Carried

Discussion: Trustee M. Christensen stated it's time for us to take a position on the Waterfront Development. I support the Waterfront Development and the museum out in Branchport. Both will be great for the Community and the County as a whole but the Village tax payers cannot foot the whole bill. We as tax payers pay for the impact on areas as public safety, wear and tear on village roads, sidewalks etc. Trustee M. Christensen feels we need to place IDA on notice we need to negotiate with the county on sharing increased sales tax revenue. We can ease into it; I understand they have a budget also but slowly getting sale tax revenue from this. That will help the village and be more of an incentive for us. Mayor Church explained awhile ago the IDA stated that everyone (school-townships-County and Village) would share in paying the cost. Not just the village to bear the cost. Mayor Church reminded the Board if we cannot come up with an agreement we can always refuse the grant. Mayor mentioned this will also increase traffic flow. Mayor stated he has made it clear we the Village do not have the funds to upfront any of this.

**MOTION** by Trustee M. Christensen, seconded by Trustee C. Christensen to send a letter to IDA and cc; Sarah Purdy explaining we support the Waterfront Development project and ask the IDA to begin negotiations between the Village and County for revenue in the area of sales tax. We don't want the increase load

Mayor Church	Aye	Trustee Davidson	Absent
Trustee Allison	Aye	Trustee Stewart	Absent
Trustee C. Christensen	Aye	Trustee Winslow	Aye
Trustee M. Christensen	Aye		

Carried

Discussion: Trustee M. Christensen will draft the letter for Mayor Church and himself to sign. Trustee Allison reminded the Board with more electric being used this will increase the village's allotment of hydroelectric power, which results in higher rates for all Penn Yan municipal customers. Trustee Allison suggested we can have them use natural gas. Mayor Church emphasized it's a great opportunity for us but we don't have the money to foot the whole bill. Trustee M. Christensen stated during talks with the Firemen for the Waterfront Development it been discussed what could happen to the firemen's field. They are aware that the land could be sold. Mayor explained they need to be proactive.

Trustee Allison stated he attended a meeting last week with Finger Lakes Economic Development Center and Chris Iverson regarding the Water Street project for the pilot program. Property now is approximately assessed for \$100,800. 00. This will be a 10 year pilot program, each year the taxes to be paid will increase by 10% till the tenth year and they will be paying the full tax value. The proposed project is a little over 7 million dollars.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Trustee M. Christensen, seconded by Trustee Winslow to adjourn the Special Village Board meeting at 8:55 AM.

Mayor Church	Aye	Trustee Davidson	Absent
Trustee Allison	Aye	Trustee Stewart	Absent
Trustee C. Christensen	Aye	Trustee Winslow	Aye
Trustee M. Christensen	Aye		

Carried

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Mary Ann Martin, Deputy Clerk