

4/25/24 Board of Trustees Public Hearing
5:30 PM Community House
Local Law #2 of 2024-Override the Tax Cap

Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, Trustees: Steve Elwood, Gary Warn, Art Dockerty, Dominick Stagliano and Mayor White.

Public: Shelley Arduini, Nino Polidori, Jim Kierzinski, Charlie Straney, Jamie Carter, Chris Weaver, Louise Robusto, Jeff Swartz, John Lewandowski, and Julie Eisele.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor White.

Mayor White informed the public that the tentative budget currently is not above the tax cap, but that we may have to end up exceeding the 2% tax cap set by NYS.

Public Comment:

Jamie Carter addressed concerns with the Fire District, pros and cons of a Fire District, Fire Department budget, and board losing control of overseeing spending if it was to become a Fire District. Mayor White informed Jamie that the Fire District Attorney would be meeting with the Fire Department members at one of their monthly meetings to answer any questions they have. She also stated the attorney will be meeting with the board of the Town of St. Johnsville, Town of Danube, and Village of St. Johnsville on May 21st.

Charlie Straney discussed the tax cap, rate of inflation, cost of living, and that the Village should go over the 2% tax cap since the tax cap is set lower than the actual inflation rate set by NYS.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to adopt Local Law #2 of 2024 for enactment. Ayes- Trustee Elwood, Dockerty, Warn, Mayor White. Nay- Trustee Stagliano

A motion to adjourn the public hearing and enter into the Budget Workshop meeting at 5:37PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

4/25/24 Board of Trustees Budget Workshop

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Public Comment:

Charlie Straney discussed concerns over the Fire Department Budget, AES/National Grid electricity costs being too low in the presented tentative budget, itemization of payroll into water/sewer, the solar array, and a Fire District.

Chris Weaver stated he does not agree with the Fire Department budget being based on 9 month spending as opposed to 12 month spending.

Mayor White began to go over the line items in the budget.

Trustee Stagliano went over the protocol of Capital Accounts.

A motion to adjourn at 7:22PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried.