

**2/13/24 Board of Trustees
9:30 AM Community House**

**Public Hearing
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Present: Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, DPW Superintendent Billy Vicciarelli. Trustees: Steve Elwood, Gary Warn, Art Dockerty, Julie Eisele and Mayor White.

Public: Nino Polidori, Dominick & Barb Stagliano, and Shelley Arduini

Public Comment: None.

Meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM by Mayor White.

Salute to the flag was given.

Mayor White discussed the formula used to calculate the possible increase to the water/sewer bills and increased costs the Village has acquired over the last 7 years. DPW Superintendent Billy Vicciarelli stated the cost of chlorine has tripled in 7 years and the water mains are over 100 years old. Trustee Dockerty suggested moving part of the DPW Superintendent salary to the General Fund as it now all resides in the Water fund, he also stated any increases to the water/sewer bills also affect the board members as they are all Village residents as well. Trustee Warn addressed the Village needing to keep salaries of employees relative to other townships to keep people employed with the Village. Trustee Elwood presented an idea of a discount similar to the STAR program to help those over 65 on a fixed income. Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool discussed the LIHWAP which is a state program that helps with water/sewer bills based on the person's income, similar to HEAP. Mayor White also discussed a need to increase the water/sewer bills at the Village of St. Johnsville Housing Authority based on number of bedrooms.

Public Comment: Dominick Stagliano discussed fund balances of the Water fund and Sewer fund. He stated the Water fund balance is positive while the Sewer fund balance needs help, therefore if there is any increase, it should be to the Sewer portion of the bill. Shelley Arduini discussed QuickBooks and the report it produces called a "Profit and Loss, Budget vs Actual"

Other:

The board agreed to change the time of the February 20th regular board meeting to 5:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-February 20th at 6:30 PM