

The special meeting of the Village of Arcade (VOA) Board of Trustees, Wyoming County, New York was held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 6:30pm there were:

**PRESENT**

Mayor Paul Burkett, Trustee Hugh Ely, Trustee Joanne Offers, Trustee Ken Rule, Trustee Jay May, Superintendent of Public Works Larry Kilburn, and Clerk/Treasurer Pam Beiersdorf

**ABSENT**

Trustee Joanne Offers and Police Chief John Laird

**ALSO PRESENT**

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Kraft, Donna Schiener, and Brian Lane

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Burkett opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**TOUR OF RING BUS PROJECT**

Mayor Burkett invited Board members to tour the ring bus project on April 6, 2010 starting at 6:00pm. Because the tour is being conducted solely for the purpose of observation and acquiring information, the tour is not subject to the Open Meetings Law. Any discussions or deliberations regarding such observations should occur in public during meetings conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. As a measure to prevent potential conversation, Mayor Burkett also suggested that no more than two board members travel to the tour in one vehicle.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Clerk/Treasurer Beiersdorf distributed the following tentative budgets for FY 2010-2011:

- General fund
- Water fund
- Sewer fund
- Electric fund

**REQUEST TO RE-OPEN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

As the VOA moves into the final weeks of its annual budget process, one area of concern is workforce costs. Mayor Burkett announced his desire to re-open contract negotiations even though the contracts don't expire for a few years in an effort to control costs and save positions.

**CONSIDER ASSESSMENT CHANGES FOR FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Motion by Trustee Ely and seconded by Trustee Rule, the Board concurs to make the following changes in assessments as recommended by the Board of Assessment Review to the 2010 assessment roll for the taxable year 2010:

PROPERTY OWNER NAME(S)	SBL#	ASSESSMENT FROM	ASSESSMENT TO	INCREASE/DECREASE
Charles Andress	183.14-2-50	\$54,600	\$3,600	(\$51,000)
James Keem	182.11-1-2.11	\$127,500	parcel split	-
Parcel #1	182.11-1-2.111	-	\$82,500	no net change
Parcel #2	182.11-1-2.112	-	\$45,000	
Estate of Llenis Mason	183.18-3-19	remove exemption 41133		(\$25,225)
		remove exemption 41143		(\$20,180)

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

VOTE								
Mayor Paul Burkett	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Hugh Ely	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Jay May	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Joanne Offers		Yes		No		Abstain	X	Absent
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
<b>VOTE TOTAL:</b>								
	4	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	1	Absent
<b>RESULTS</b>								
	X	<b>PASS</b>				<b>FAIL</b>		

**INDEPENDENT HEALTH - NEW YOUNG ADULT COVERAGE OPTION**

Governor Patterson recently signed into law a bill that allows young adults through age 29 to be covered under a parent's group health insurance policy. The VOA has the option to purchase a rider that extends dependent coverage through age 29. Mayor Burkett suggested that this item be presented to the union membership for their consideration before the Board can make a determination to purchase the rider or not.

**REVISED FORM E, "RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD) PROJECT BUDGET/COST CERTIFICATION"**

Motion by Trustee May and seconded by Trustee Ely, the Board authorizes Clerk/Treasurer Beiersdorf to move money that was originally budgeted in the contingency line item to the miscellaneous administrative line item on Form E for the heavy rescue truck project.

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

<b>VOTE</b>									
Mayor Paul Burkett	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Hugh Ely	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Jay May	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Joanne Offers		Yes		No		Abstain	X	Absent	
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
<b>VOTE TOTAL:</b>									
	4	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	1	Absent	
<b>RESULTS</b>									
	X	<b>PASS</b>					<b>FAIL</b>		

**COURTROOM RENOVATIONS**

Acting Justice Brian Lane approached the Board about the proposed courtroom renovations as included in the 2009 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant application. Original plans included slightly raising the bench and removing the false floor. After further review, this option is not feasible because of limited head room, impacts to door frames, etc.. As an alternative, Justice Lane asked the Board to consider removing the false floor and adding a wooden, matching six inch (6") privacy panel to the front of the bench. This option would add privacy to paperwork and increases the distance barrier and limits access to the Justices. The Board authorized Justice Lane to obtain quotes to have the false floor removed and to add a privacy panel.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mayor Burkett and seconded by Trustee May, the Board enter into executive session to discuss the following topic(s) at 7:22pm:

- performance of a particular person

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

<b>VOTE</b>									
Mayor Paul Burkett	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Hugh Ely	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Jay May	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Joanne Offers		Yes		No		Abstain	X	Absent	
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
<b>VOTE TOTAL:</b>									
	4	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	1	Absent	
<b>RESULTS</b>									
	X	<b>PASS</b>					<b>FAIL</b>		

Motion by Trustee Rule and seconded by Trustee May, the Board exit executive session at 7:37pm.

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

<b>VOTE</b>									
Mayor Paul Burkett	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Hugh Ely	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Jay May	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
Trustee Joanne Offers		Yes		No		Abstain	X	Absent	
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
<b>VOTE TOTAL:</b>									
	4	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	1	Absent	
<b>RESULTS</b>									
	X	<b>PASS</b>					<b>FAIL</b>		

**GIFT CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Mayor Burkett announced that a gift certificate to a local restaurant will be purchased for Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ely in appreciation for Hugh's outstanding performance on the Village Board.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting duly adjourned at 7:38 upon motion by Trustee May and seconded by Trustee Rule.

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Clerk/Treasurer