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VILLAGE OF CATSKILL
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS MEETING

Catskill Senior Center
15 Academy Street
Catskill, New York 12414
May 9, 2023

A P P E A R A N C E S:

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PRESIDENT PETER GRASSE

TRUSTEE JOSEPH KOZLOSKI

TRUSTEE NATASHA LAW

TRUSTEE JEFFREY HOLLIDAY

TRUSTEE JAMIE MITCHELL

P R O C E E D I N G S

1
2 PRESIDENT GRASSE: This is our 2023-24
3 Tentative Budget Summary.

4 Our attorney, Ted, is going to call it
5 off for us page-by-page and at the end -- do
6 you want to take questions during the page?

7 MR. HILSCHER: At the end.

8 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Okay. Sure.

9 MR. HILSCHER: Good evening.

10 I am going to go through -- everybody
11 has a copy, I am going to go through by
12 heading -- each individual heading.

13 The first one is: Government Support.
14 The total proposed amount is: \$13,500.

15 Do I have a motion to approve?

16 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Motion.

17 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

18 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Second.

19 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

20 (NO RESPONSE.)

21 All in favor?

22 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

2 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed.

3 (NO RESPONSE.)

4 So carried.

5 Judicial is zero. We don't have to do
6 that one.

7 Clerk, Treasurer-Collector Proposed
8 amount: 55,800.

9 Motion to approve?

10 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Motion.

11 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

12 TRUSTEE LAW: Second.

13 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

14 (NO RESPONSE.)

15 All in favor?

16 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

21 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

22 (NO RESPONSE.)

23 Carried.

24 JOSEPH IZZO: Joe Izzo.

25 It is a question of process not

1 anything on here.

2 If somebody has a question concerning
3 a specific line item in case, for example, the
4 one you just approved --

5 MR. HILSCHER: Yes.

6 JOSEPH IZZO: -- if somebody has a
7 question on that specific line item and wants
8 to have that changed then it has already been
9 approved.

10 MR. HILSCHER: Well, I am going to say
11 motion to approve, second, and then discussion
12 so if you want to discuss it.

13 Now, anybody here that lives in the
14 Village can vote so if you have a topic -- if
15 we get to something that you are interested in
16 if you want to discuss it just say I would
17 like to discuss that.

18 JOSEPH IZZO: But my understanding
19 from what you originally said was we are going
20 to go through the Budget and then take any
21 questions afterwards.

22 PRESIDENT GRASSE: I get what he is
23 saying.

24 TRUSTEE LAW: Once it is approved then
25 it can't be discussed to be changed.

1 MR. HILSCHER: Yeah, if you have an
2 item that you want to discuss you let us know.

3 In general, when we are done, if there
4 is no -- what we have done before, it is
5 unusual, it is not unheard of but it is
6 unusual that somebody wants to discuss
7 something at the end we always open it up and
8 say does anybody have any questions about
9 anything that is in the Budget, but if you
10 want to tackle something individually.

11 JOSEPH IZZO: Has the process changed,
12 my understanding with the Charter is that the
13 residence of the Village approve the Budget
14 during this hearing not the Board?

15 MR. HILSCHER: The Board -- there are
16 five people who live in the Village.

17 JOSEPH IZZO: But they are the
18 governing authority?

19 MR. HILSCHER: Yes.

20 Usually, we vote and just because we
21 work our way through the proposed Budget and
22 the five Board Members who are five Village
23 residents vote, if -- you guys can vote too, I
24 mean, technically, if there is five votes here
25 if somebody out there wants to vote against

1 something you can vote against it and if you
2 raise -- if you -- I have not seen it, and I
3 have done this a long time, and I was on the
4 Village Board, I have not seen -- the public
5 can vote and you can actually vote against
6 something.

7 JOSEPH IZZO: So was I, I was on the
8 Board a long time ago.

9 I can actually ask to raise it, a
10 Village resident can ask that Appropriation be
11 raised.

12 MR. HILSCHER: Yes, yes.

13 JOSEPH IZZO: That has happened,
14 probably not in a long time, but it has
15 happened and can happen.

16 MR. HILSCHER: If that happens, if
17 that happens, my strategy, and I have thought
18 about what I would do and it has not come up
19 when I have been the Village Attorney or on
20 the Village Board but if that happened, I
21 would recommend anyway, the Board is in charge
22 here, but I would recommend that that be
23 tabled and we go on and we go through the rest
24 of the Budget and we come back to that item,
25 that is how I would handle that.

1 JOSEPH IZZO: And I, as a resident of
2 the Village, ask that a specific item in
3 case -- in fact, let's go to -- I don't know,
4 finances if you want, and I would ask that
5 that item be tabled for discussion later,
6 obviously, the Board can vote on it later but
7 can you ask for it to be tabled and then
8 continue through the Budget or do you really
9 want to have questions on that particular item
10 and then have the Board proceed.

11 MR. HILSCHER: Whether we table an
12 item would be up to the Board.

13 JOSEPH IZZO: That's correct.

14 MR. HILSCHER: If you are -- in
15 theory, if you are the only one that wanted it
16 tabled, your vote tonight is equal to any of
17 the five Board Members but if you wanted to
18 table something and you got outvoted then we
19 would not table it.

20 If the Board decided that they were
21 going to agree with you then we would table
22 it.

23 JOSEPH IZZO: Okay. That is fine.

24 MR. HILSCHER: So you want -- if there
25 is an item here just, you know, say something

1 and we will slow down and we will talk about
2 whatever you want to talk about, if there is
3 something that you want to -- right?

4 JOSEPH IZZO: Yeah.

5 And I could also ask for an
6 explanation of a line item.

7 TRUSTEE LAW: Absolutely.

8 JOSEPH IZZO: Okay. Thank you.

9 MR. HILSCHER: Sure. Sure.

10 So Bond and Note Issue Expense --

11 JOSEPH IZZO: Can I go back -- I am
12 sorry.

13 MR. HILSCHER: Clerk, Treasurer, go
14 ahead.

15 JOSEPH IZZO: There is an article --
16 employment request in the Daily Mail for a new
17 Clerk, Treasurer, Collector and the salary
18 range is a little bit more than this amount.

19 Is that --

20 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Yes, because the
21 salary for the Clerk, Treasurer is split
22 between water, sewer and a couple of different
23 departments. That \$41,000 is not just for
24 one, that is breaking down the three of you;
25 is that --

1 LISA COPE: Two.

2 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Two of them in
3 there because Sherry does the water and sewer
4 so a portion of her salary -- or most of her
5 salary comes from the Water and Sewer
6 Department.

7 TRUSTEE LAW: It is not all in that
8 one line.

9 JOSEPH IZZO: I don't think the ad
10 said that.

11 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: No, Lisa is
12 retiring --

13 JOSEPH IZZO: I know why the ad is
14 there, but the ad does not say that the salary
15 of the Clerk, Collector, Treasurer, whatever
16 you want to call the position, official name,
17 just says that the salary is between 41 and
18 whatever that number is.

19 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Yes, that is the
20 total salary.

21 JOSEPH IZZO: It does not say that the
22 duties are also related to the water and
23 sewer, it just says Clerk, Treasurer,
24 Collector so that was my question; why is that
25 salary here lower -- well, not actually -- it

1 is actually lower then what the Board is
2 asking for an Applicant -- asking to pay for
3 the position, whomever applies.

4 MR. HILSCHER: The ad does not have to
5 say it is related to water and sewer duties.
6 Whatever the Clerk, Treasurer, Collector has
7 done historically is what has to be filled.

8 JOSEPH IZZO: Okay. Fine.

9 TRUSTEE LAW: Yeah, the Clerk,
10 Treasurer, Collector, she oversees the entire
11 office and water and sewer is taken care of
12 out of the office as well. That is who sends
13 the water bills, collects the water bills, so
14 she has to oversee everything.

15 JOSEPH IZZO: Okay.

16 That is fine. Thank you.

17 MR. HILSCHER: Okay. Sure.

18 Okay. Bond and Note Issue Expense the
19 item budgeted is: 58,500.

20 Do I have a motion to approve?

21 TRUSTEE LAW: Motion.

22 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

23 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Second.

24 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

25 JOSEPH IZZO: I'm sorry, where are we?

1 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Total finance.

2 MR. HILSCHER: I am still on the first
3 page.

4 JOSEPH IZZO: Oh, total finance.
5 Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. HILSCHER: That is okay.

7 So we are going to look at each
8 heading and then at the bottom of that heading
9 it is going to be the total for that category
10 and that is the number that is being voted on.

11 Staff, total staff proposed:
12 \$117,500.

13 Do I have a motion to approve?

14 TRUSTEE LAW: Motion --

15 JOSEPH IZZO: -- I have a question.

16 MR. HILSCHER: Joe, let me -- we are
17 going to have motion to approve, second and
18 then discussion.

19 JOSEPH IZZO: Okay.

20 PRESIDENT GRASSE: I will second it.

21 MR. HILSCHER: Discussion?

22 JOSEPH IZZO: Professional services
23 who -- what is the -- for professional
24 services, who is that?

25 PRESIDENT GRASSE: That is Ted and our

1 labor attorney group which is Elayne Gold.

2 TRUSTEE LAW: Romer Wallis.

3 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Wallis, yes, which
4 we are upping our retainer for, and our
5 regular attorney which is Ted.

6 LISA COPE: And accountant.

7 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Our accountant,
8 that is the second one down.

9 JOSEPH IZZO: Yeah, 15,000.

10 Who is that?

11 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Nordutch for
12 technologies so for our routing for e-mails
13 and all of our stuff we have them on service,
14 we don't do it in house, so we do it on
15 service, we use their service that we pay for.

16 JOSEPH IZZO: And those are outside
17 contracts?

18 MR. HILSCHER: Correct.

19 JOSEPH IZZO: Engineering Service?

20 TRUSTEE LAW: We use Delaware
21 Engineering.

22 JOSEPH IZZO: That is for your -- for
23 issues relates to environmental or roads or
24 bridges or things like that that you may have.

25 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: They are doing our

1 water main down Main Street and also the CSO.

2 JOSEPH IZZO: Why is that not out of
3 the water fund?

4 PRESIDENT GRASSE: It is, it is
5 also -- that money there is not totally just
6 for that. That is when Delaware, like, say --

7 MR. HILSCHER: Planning Board.

8 PRESIDENT GRASSE: -- yeah, it is all
9 small things, if they call Delaware we get
10 charged. You have to have that money in
11 there. It is not just for the big projects,
12 big projects, normally, engineering is covered
13 within the grants.

14 JOSEPH IZZO: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. HILSCHER: We have a motion and a
16 second.

17 All in favor?

18 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

23 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

24 (NO RESPONSE.)

25 Carried.

1 We move onto the next page.

2 Shared services: \$48,500.

3 Motion to approve?

4 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Motion.

5 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

6 TRUSTEE LAW: Second.

7 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

8 WILLIAM DELUCA: On the contingent
9 line, 199.4-A. I know that from my experience
10 working here previously for the Village and
11 also working at the college that they -- that
12 they also carry a fund balance in case of any
13 unanticipated expenses come up during the year
14 and I was wondering if the Village carries a
15 fund balance that if something comes up, such
16 as some major DPW diaster --

17 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Yes, rainy day fund
18 we call that. We try to have at least three
19 months worth of salaries.

20 LISA COPE: This line is in case if
21 there is any unexpected expenses this year.

22 PRESIDENT GRASSE: But that is not
23 your fund balance.

24 WILLIAM DELUCA: What is the Village
25 fund balance?

1 PRESIDENT GRASSE: We are actually
2 waiting for our audits from the accountants
3 now to give us our figures from 2022.

4 WILLIAM DELUCA: Is it a number of,
5 like, 10,000, 100,000, 250,000.

6 Do we have a ballpark figure what it
7 is?

8 PRESIDENT GRASSE: I believe it is a
9 couple hundred thousand, yes.

10 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: It could be
11 greater, Billy, but we can't anticipate in the
12 Budget, obviously, if they come back and tell
13 us that it is \$30,000 and we have thrown in
14 200 and we are way out of wack as far as that
15 goes.

16 So what we tired to do is earmark
17 dollars that we know we have. You will see as
18 we go through DPW there will be funding for a
19 truck because our fleet is so bad we are
20 earmarking a fund balance or piece to that
21 allocation of the truck.

22 So we are trying to do this metered --
23 it would be a great surprise if they come back
24 and tell us we have 200,000 so that will give
25 us some wiggle room to adjust the Budget in

1 mid-year as far as fiscal goes, but right now
2 we don't have that answer and we don't want to
3 go over the top.

4 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: We also went from
5 one accounting firm to another so that's held
6 us back also.

7 WILLIAM DELUCA: That contingency
8 number kind of frightens me because I know
9 from my experience, here, again, working 21
10 years for the Village, working 17 years plus
11 for the College when that number gets small --

12 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: -- there is more
13 money -- if we took it off the DPW and all
14 that stuff we would have a larger number than
15 contingency number, but we are trying to
16 earmark it to a specific place so that we
17 know -- we utilize it for those things rather
18 then throw it in the general balance and then
19 have to pluck away if something happens, we
20 pluck away and lose that ability.

21 We think we are fiscally sound. We
22 just don't know how sound we are until we get
23 the audit back so...

24 WILLIAM DELUCA: Thank you.

25 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Not that we are

1 rolling in it, but we are on the positive
2 side.

3 MR. HILSCHER: Okay.

4 Shared services; proposed budget item
5 we have a motion and a second.

6 All in favor?

7 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

11 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

12 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

13 (NO RESPONSE.)

14 Carry.

15 Special items. Total proposed:
16 168,928.

17 Do I have a motion for approval?

18 JOSEPH IZZO: Question --

19 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: We need a motion
20 before a question.

21 JOSEPH IZZO: Well, I am sorry, you
22 need a second, after the second.

23 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Second.

24 MR. HILSCHER: We need to make the
25 motion.

1 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Motion.

2 MR. HILSCHER: Joe, discussion?

3 JOSEPH IZZO: This unallocated
4 insurance; is this related to any outstanding
5 lawsuits that are pending that are before the
6 Village or is this just the amount of money
7 that you're paying your insurance company?

8 PRESIDENT GRASSE: That is not for any
9 outstanding. That is not for any outstanding.

10 TRUSTEE LAW: That is the money we are
11 paying the --

12 JOSEPH IZZO: -- is that a municipal
13 company, that insurance?

14 PRESIDENT GRASSE: NYRA.

15 JOSEPH IZZO: The Association of
16 Villages and cities?

17 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Yes.

18 JOSEPH IZZO: That is through them?

19 MR. HILSCHER: Special items.
20 We have a motion to approve and a
21 second.

22 All in favor?

23 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

3 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5 Carried.

6 All right. Public Safety, total

7 police: \$1,495,550.

8 Motion to approve?

9 TRUSTEE LAW: Motion.

10 MR. HILSCHER: Okay. Okay.

11 I am sorry, we will back up a second.

12 Total government support, the proposal

13 is -- this is -- this is actually all of what

14 we proposed so far, the total figure is --

15 Total Government Support: \$406,928.

16 Motion to approve?

17 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Motion.

18 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

19 TRUSTEE LAW: Second.

20 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

21 (NO RESPONSE.)

22 All in favor?

23 Any opposed?

24 (NO RESPONSE.)

25 Carried.

1 Okay. Thank you.

2 Public Safety. Total Police proposed:
3 \$1,495,450.

4 Motion to approve.

5 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Motion.

6 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

7 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Second.

8 JOSEPH IZZO: Guys aren't quick
9 enough -- I have a question.

10 It is a fairly significant increase
11 related to contracts, and is it related to any
12 new positions being filled or any new officers
13 coming on board?

14 TRUSTEE LAW: We stick with the same
15 amount of officers. It is just from their
16 contactors with their raises that are in
17 there.

18 PRESIDENT GRASSE: They were out of
19 contract because of COVID; right, Ron?

20 RONALD FRASCELLO: The contracts are
21 good up until 2025.

22 TRUSTEE LAW: The new ones.

23 RONALD FRASCELLO: So those are
24 already incurred contract costs that are
25 included in the salaries.

1 MR. HILSCHER: All in favor?

2 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

3 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

4 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

7 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

8 (NO RESPONSE.)

9 Carried.

10 Parking, total parking: \$6,700.

11 Motion to approve?

12 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Motion.

13 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

14 TRUSTEE LAW: Second.

15 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17 All in favor?

18 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

23 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

24 (NO RESPONSE.)

25 Carried.

1 Fire Department, total Fire
2 Department: \$197,500.

3 Motion to approve?

4 TRUSTEE LAW: Motion.

5 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Second?

6 MR. HILSCHER: Second.

7 JOSEPH IZZO: Question?

8 MR. HILSCHER: Yes.

9 JOSEPH IZZO: I notice that the
10 operating expenses have not changed from the
11 prior year.

12 Is there, I mean, given the fact that
13 electricity is going up and oil and heat and
14 power all going up --

15 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Well, power for the
16 firehouse are up above that --

17 JOSEPH IZZO: -- equipment, you got
18 45,000 which has not changed -- known of these
19 have changed which would indicate to me
20 that --

21 PRESIDENT GRASSE: -- actually, it did
22 change, 18.5 went to 18.

23 When we do the Budget --

24 JOSEPH IZZO: Eighteen five went to
25 18,000. So I guess the question I have --

1 PRESIDENT GRASSE: -- okay.

2 What is the question?

3 JOSEPH IZZO: -- the question I have
4 is it changed. Some have changed, some have
5 not changed and my question is is there enough
6 money in the Fire Department given the economy
7 and the way things are going with equipment,
8 is there enough money for the fire company to
9 operate, and that is my question.

10 TRUSTEE LAW: Where it says power,
11 firehouse, that is the actual electricity, and
12 what we used to put in there, the 18.5, it
13 never reached that much, that is why we were
14 able to drop it.

15 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Joe, when I do the
16 Budget -- we didn't go back last year and
17 cookie cut numbers. When I prepared this I
18 went back, you can ask Lisa, two or three
19 years and started taking numbers to see where
20 we were, if there were numbers that were not
21 being used we knew we could cut, you know, I
22 am not going to say that we are above any
23 other Board, but this seems -- a lot of years
24 things were just transposed over and you have
25 to go back, you can't just go back one year

1 and look at a number and say let's put 18 in
2 there, you have to go -- sometimes go back two
3 years.

4 If money was put in a certain line
5 item for a specific reason and then it is
6 forgotten because either it was not spent --
7 and you don't just transpose it over, but when
8 it comes fire, yes, power, they were under,
9 they were under, so we were able to trim
10 there.

11 I mean, your operating expenses is the
12 Town contract we are not going to cut the
13 money from them and say you can't have that
14 money but we do have a procurement policy, we
15 don't just spend at will and these inspections
16 and whatnot on these trucks are going to be
17 the same every year.

18 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: But you also
19 have --

20 JOSEPH IZZO: -- and operating expense
21 is not the contract for the Town of Catskill?

22 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: It is broken down
23 from the --

24 PRESIDENT GRASSE: The contract is
25 197.

1 JOSEPH IZZO: One hundred thirty
2 thousand dollars is not what the Town is
3 paying for fire protection --

4 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Correct.

5 JOSEPH IZZO: Well, then how is the
6 Fire Department operating?

7 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: To answer your
8 question, to go back to it.

9 The Fire Department obligations and
10 needs we are filling pretty much without any
11 question. There has not been an issue as far
12 as equipment.

13 On top of what you see here, and you
14 will see a little bit later on, there is a
15 \$98,500 principal and interest bond that we
16 are paying off that is the Fire Department's
17 debt. We are making that, we have come out
18 the last couple of years with a little bit of
19 a surplus on the equipment side where last
20 year they had a fund balance they brought
21 over, we ended up buying a new chief car to
22 use that fund balance, and that is the
23 practice that we are going to do when we find
24 out at the end of the fiscal year, the end of
25 this month, we will know what, if any, money

1 is leftover and we can move it over.

2 JOSEPH IZZO: So, basically, you are
3 using the Town of Catskill contract to offset
4 your operating expenses?

5 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Yes -- but not in
6 total.

7 JOSEPH IZZO: Not in total?

8 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: -- at the end --

9 JOSEPH IZZO: -- in this specific line
10 item you are --

11 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: And also you will
12 find out coming up that there is a Low SAP
13 item which is their length of service award
14 payment which is about 65 now?

15 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Fifty thousand.

16 TRUSTEE LAW: It is more now this
17 year.

18 JOSEPH IZZO: Thank you.

19 MR. HILSCHER: Okay. All in -- Fire
20 Department, all in favor?

21 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

1 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

2 (NO RESPONSE.)

3 Carried.

4 Safety Inspection. Total proposed

5 Safety Inspection: \$61,100.

6 Motion to approve?

7 TRUSTEE LAW: Motion.

8 MR. HILSCHER: Second.

9 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Second?

10 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

11 (NO RESPONSE.)

12 All in favor?

13 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

18 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

19 (NO RESPONSE.)

20 Carry.

21 Total public safety is: \$1,760,850.

22 Motion to approve?

23 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: So moved.

24 MR. HILSCHER: Second.

25 TRUSTEE LAW: Second.

1 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

2 (NO RESPONSE.)

3 All in favor?

4 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

9 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

10 (NO RESPONSE.)

11 Carried.

12 Public Health. Public Health proposed

13 budget: \$75.

14 Motion to approve?

15 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Motion.

16 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

17 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Second.

18 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

19 (NO RESPONSE.)

20 All in favor.

21 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

1 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

2 (NO RESPONSE.)

3 Carried.

4 Transportation. Department of Public

5 Works: \$1,011,000.

6 Motion to approve?

7 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: So moved.

8 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

9 TRUSTEE LAW: Second.

10 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

11 JOSEPH IZZO: How many roads in the
12 Village is the public works planning of fixing
13 and paving this year?

14 PRESIDENT GRASSE: We attempt to do
15 three a year --

16 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: -- three with our
17 CHIPS dollars and we already started the
18 project on Thompson Street, the sidewalk and
19 road to be done up there.

20 That's the first project.

21 The second one -- not High.

22 TRUSTEE LAW: Laura.

23 PRESIDENT GRASSE: And Bushnell.

24 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: But we are going to
25 be putting a water line down Main Street

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starting next year so that will be part of the water line --

PRESIDENT GRASSE: -- that has nothing to do with this. (Indicating.)

TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: The other streets will get done during the other projects.

JOSEPH IZZO: So you are doing -- under CHIPS Program, you are going to do three streets -- anticipating doing three streets?

PRESIDENT GRASSE: Sometimes we do extra spots depending on how things go. If there was a water break somewhere and we have to go do an area -- but you can't go back to a street within ten years of a repair through CHIPS, so you have to stagger.

JOSEPH IZZO: Capital Projects and Equipment. In -- that truck, that is not the whole \$160,000; is it?

PRESIDENT GRASSE: Nope, part of it is for some repairs to the building. The roof -- they have a 55-gallon drum collecting water when it storms. We need some roof repairs, heating system repairs, and then the balance will go toward the truck.

The 40 will still be in the Capital

1 Projects equipment line which is the yearly,
2 you know, as far as buying equipment and
3 keeping these trucks running. So the fleet
4 is -- at some point, it has to be upgraded, we
5 are dealing with a bunch of old trucks and I
6 have an agreement with Patrick that, you will
7 see in the revenue lines, we are going to be
8 surplussing some equipment that we don't use
9 anymore and start cleaning things up and try
10 to get things, you know...

11 JOSEPH IZZO: Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. HILSCHER: The Department of
13 Public Works, all in favor?

14 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

19 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

20 (NO RESPONSE.)

21 Carried.

22 Street -- let's see.

23 Total Transportation, the proposed
24 item is: \$1,126,000.

25 Motion to approve?

1 TRUSTEE LAW: Motion.

2 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

3 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Second.

4 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

5 (NO RESPONSE.)

6 All in favor?

7 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

11 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

12 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

13 (NO RESPONSE.)

14 Economic Assistance. Total Economic

15 Assistance proposed: \$15,000.

16 Motion?

17 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: So moved.

18 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

19 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Second.

20 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

21 JOSEPH IZZO: Can you tell me what

22 that entails?

23 PRESIDENT GRASSE: That is for your

24 fireworks and --

25 JOSEPH IZZO: -- the parks and stuff.

1 PAUL OVERBAUGH: Possibility of
2 resubmitting the grant that we submitted this
3 past year, DRI Grant?

4 JOSEPH IZZO: Okay. So this --

5 TRUSTEE LAW: Would go toward the
6 grant writer or fireworks and --

7 JOSEPH IZZO: Okay.

8 Is that enough?

9 PRESIDENT GRASSE: No, we split it
10 with the Town, the fireworks.

11 JOSEPH IZZO: No, no, no, I don't care
12 about the fireworks, I want to know if the
13 Economic Assistance is enough.

14 Have you been over budget in that
15 item?

16 TRUSTEE LAW: No.

17 JOSEPH IZZO: I mean, Economic
18 Assistance is where you really want to go out
19 and start looking for grants and things.

20 PRESIDENT GRASSE: We are over granted
21 right now, believe me, other than the DRI
22 which would be a separate type developing
23 grant, but as far as infrastructure grants, I
24 don't know if you have been paying attention
25 but we are over 20 million dollars in grants

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anticipating coming down the pipe to us, which we know, we are approved, we got them, we just haven't done a press release on them yet.

As far as grants and projects that are going to be happening in this Village for the next three years it is going to look like a bomb went off. Every street is going to have -- the whole east side is all redone so those roads don't have to be repaved under our CHIPS money, it is getting all new infrastructure, Main Street, maybe some Board participation meetings -- you would understand there is a lot going -- it is going to be in the papers but I have not chose the right time to do it yet.

TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: The Village LDC has also hired a grant writer to help us do some work in the Village.

JOSEPH IZZO: Okay. Thank you.

MR. HILSCHER: Total Economic Assistance, we have motion and a second.

All in favor?

PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

3 Any opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5 Carried.

6 Culture and Receptions Parks:

7 \$45,637.

8 Motion to approve?

9 TRUSTEE LAW: Motion.

10 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

11 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Second.

12 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

13 (NO RESPONSE.)

14 All in favor?

15 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

20 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE.)

22 Carried.

23 Turn the page.

24 Total Planning: \$7,000.

25 Motion to accept?

1 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: So moved.

2 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

3 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Second.

4 Any discussion?

5 JOSEPH IZZO: The expenses associated
6 with the Planning Board and Zoning Board.

7 Also, any outside counsel or outside
8 environmental lawyers or anything you need, it
9 is all in that amount?

10 MR. HILSCHER: Usually, if you have an
11 Applicant that requires extra engineering, you
12 know, over and above, they pay for that, the
13 Applicant pays for that.

14 PRESIDENT GRASSE: They will escrow
15 it.

16 JOSEPH IZZO: What about any legal
17 actions against the Zoning Board or Planning
18 Board for any discussions they make; is there
19 money available for that, I mean...

20 PRESIDENT GRASSE: We can put anything
21 you want in there but, you know what, we don't
22 anticipate that, we have not ever had --

23 JOSEPH IZZO: You have a project now
24 that may end up in Supreme Court.

25 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Yeah.

1 JOSEPH IZZO: So where would that
2 money come from?

3 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Probably next
4 year's budget, we are not going --

5 JOSEPH IZZO: This is this year's
6 budget.

7 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Obviously -- I
8 know, we are not going to anticipate something
9 that may happen down the road and just put the
10 taxpayer's money out on a piece of paper
11 saying:

12 Here, give us the money because we may
13 have to go to Court for this.

14 We don't know what is going to happen
15 with that whole project.

16 JOSEPH IZZO: But that is your job.

17 PRESIDENT GRASSE: To know what is
18 going on with that project, that is not my
19 job --

20 JOSEPH IZZO: Your job is to
21 anticipate, to look at the expenses, to make
22 sure you have enough money and be able to move
23 in various directions if something happens
24 during the year that is not in this Budget.

25 So what I am asking you -- I am asking

1 you to think about is you go to Supreme Court
2 on any project related to the Zoning Board or
3 Planning Board, that is a very expensive
4 litigation.

5 PRESIDENT GRASSE: How long do you
6 think the due process would be in that kind of
7 litigation?

8 JOSEPH IZZO: I have no idea, I have
9 no idea --

10 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Okay. Thank you.

11 JOSEPH IZZO: -- but if you thought it
12 was going to happen you could, maybe,
13 possibly, put some money in that line item
14 that would help defray some initial costs that
15 may be related to any project. I don't know
16 if that project is ever going to go that way,
17 but if you don't have at least some money in
18 there to help -- help offset any costs that is
19 not prudent.

20 Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Thank you.

22 MR. HILSCHER: Motion to approve,
23 second, all in favor?

24 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

3 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

4 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE.)

6 Carried.

7 Cemetery, total Cemetery proposed is:

8 \$13,600.

9 Motion to approve.

10 TRUSTEE LAW: Motion.

11 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

12 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Second.

13 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

14 (NO RESPONSE.)

15 All in favor?

16 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

21 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

22 (NO RESPONSE.)

23 Carried.

24 Total Home and Community Services:

25 Total Proposed Budget: \$20,600.

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Motion to accept?

TRUSTEE LAW: Motion.

MR. HILSCHER: Second?

TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Second.

MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

(NO RESPONSE.)

All in favor?

PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE.)

Carried.

Employee Benefits. Total Employee
Benefits: \$1,632,500.

Motion to accept?

TRUSTEE LAW: Motion.

MR. HILSCHER: Second?

TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Second.

MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

(NO RESPONSE.)

All in favor.

PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

3 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

4 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

5 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

6 (NO RESPONSE.)

7 Carried.

8 Debt, Total Debt: \$998,613.

9 Motion to approve?

10 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: So moved.

11 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

12 TRUSTEE LAW: Second.

13 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

14 (NO RESPONSE.)

15 All in favor?

16 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

21 MR. HILSCHER: Carried.

22 Total General Fund Appropriation:

23 \$5,106,203.

24 Motion to approve?

25 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Motion.

1 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

2 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Second.

3 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5 All in favor.

6 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

11 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE.)

13 Carried.

14 Okay. We skip now to the Water Fund
15 Appropriations. So you are going to go one,
16 two, three, it is on the fourth page forward.

17 I will wait a second. It says right
18 in the middle of the page, Grand Total Water
19 Fund Appropriation.

20 Everybody got it?

21 Grand Total Water Fund Appropriation
22 the number is: \$1,464,243 -- of the -- going
23 forward four pages from the Grand Total Water
24 Fund Appropriation is: \$1,464,243.

25 Motion to approve?

1 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: So moved.

2 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

3 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Second.

4 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

5 JOSEPH IZZO: Give me a chance to look
6 at it, please -- thank you.

7 (BRIEF PAUSE.)

8 MR. HILSCHER: No discussion?

9 (NO RESPONSE.)

10 All in favor?

11 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

12 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

13 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

16 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

17 (NO RESPONSE.)

18 Carried.

19 Okay. Then we go to Grand Total Sewer
20 Appropriations which is one --

21 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Last page.

22 MR. HILSCHER: Last page, two pages
23 forward.

24 Grand Total Sewer Fund Appropriations,
25 Proposed Budget is: \$1,092,150.

1 Motion to approve?

2 TRUSTEE LAW: Motion.

3 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

4 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Second.

5 MR. HILSCHER: Any discussion?

6 All in favor --

7 JOSEPH IZZO: Can I have a chance to
8 look at it.

9 MR. HILSCHER: Yep, yep, go ahead.

10 JOSEPH IZZO: Not that you want to
11 rush.

12 MR. HILSCHER: Nope, take your time.

13 JOSEPH IZZO: Is this Budget including
14 any maintenance or repairs in the outside
15 sewer district for the Town of Catskill?

16 PRESIDENT GRASSE: No.

17 JOSEPH IZZO: You have a contract to
18 do that.

19 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Uh-huh.

20 JOSEPH IZZO: But you have not
21 budgeted anything if something happens since,
22 normally, it is a brand new service but you
23 have not put anything in here for that.

24 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Patrick, you want
25 to answer that?

1 PATRICK McCULLOCH: Yep.

2 So if anything happens in the Town
3 Sewer District the Town Sewer District pays
4 for that, the Village does not.

5 JOSEPH IZZO: But they do take
6 maintenance on it?

7 PATRICK McCULLOCH: Yes, the Village
8 has a contract with the Town to maintain the
9 pumps, to check them daily, to do all the
10 required --

11 JOSEPH IZZO: And that revenue is paid
12 for by the --

13 PATRICK McCULLOCH: That revenue shows
14 up on the last page under Town of Catskill
15 Sewer Maintenance is: 16,000, that is the
16 current contract.

17 TRUSTEE LAW: Where we were just at,
18 Grand Total Sewer Fund Appropriations, last
19 page, on the bottom.

20 JOSEPH IZZO: Oh, I am sorry.

21 Oh, okay.

22 You are anticipating a revenue, okay.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. HILSCHER: All set.

25 Any further discussion?

1 Grand Total Sewer Fund we have a
2 motion to approve and a second.

3 All in favor?

4 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

9 MR. HILSCHER: Any opposed?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 Carried.

12 And that concludes, the Budget has
13 been adopted.

14 JOSEPH IZZO: You have not gone
15 through the revenue side.

16 MR. HILSCHER: We approved --

17 PRESIDENT GRASSE: -- the

18 Appropriation.

19 JOSEPH IZZO: Well, I have questions
20 on the revenue and that is part of this
21 Budget.

22 MR. HILSCHER: Right.

23 JOSEPH IZZO: Revenue.

24 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Part of the Budget
25 but not the Appropriations.

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JOSEPH IZZO: Well, you can't pay for the Appropriations if you don't have any revenue.

MR. HILSCHER: We will try to answer your questions.

JOSEPH IZZO: I have a few questions, I don't have a lot of questions, but my one question is where does the payment for unpaid taxes given -- paid back to the Village by the County; where does that show up in your revenue?

LISA COPE: The County makes us whole.

MR. HILSCHER: I think that is a wash. You have money -- you have revenue and if the revenue is not generated by the taxpayer it is generated by the County.

PRESIDENT GRASSE: We are getting it regardless.

JOSEPH IZZO: No, you missed my point.

TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: You can't project it because --

JOSEPH IZZO: -- I know -- I know you get the money, but in this year's Budget -- I am sorry, in the Budget you are currently in, 2022-2023 Budget, you are going to have unpaid

1 taxes which the County will reimburse you in
2 2024 and that is revenue to you in 2024, and
3 where does that show up in your Revenue Budget
4 in 2024, that is my question.

5 PRESIDENT GRASSE: We can't put it
6 into a revenue from the year before and then
7 put it in the revenue for the next --
8 following year.

9 JOSEPH IZZO: Sure you can. You
10 already know how much money has been in unpaid
11 taxes -- you already have that amount.

12 LISA COPE: The County makes us whole
13 in March before our fiscal year is up.

14 JOSEPH IZZO: Tax rolls are closed.

15 PRESIDENT GRASSE: -- tell him.

16 LISA COPE: Real estate taxes, we have
17 to raise whatever is not received in the
18 office we turnover to the County, they make us
19 whole --

20 JOSEPH IZZO: I understand that.

21 LISA COPE: But we get that check in
22 March of --

23 JOSEPH IZZO: Next year -- March is
24 gone.

25 LISA COPE: I know so we have already

1 been made whole for the 2022-2023 Budget.

2 JOSEPH IZZO: When you issue a tax
3 warrant, June 1st and payable by June 30th for
4 the next year's Budget, you are sending out
5 tax bills for the 2023-2024 year. You're not
6 going to all get that money in because your
7 time for payment and taxes is finished.

8 You send to the County in December
9 where -- or at some point, anticipated unpaid
10 taxes by the Village, all the Villages do, not
11 just Catskill and in March of 2024 --

12 PRESIDENT GRASSE: -- twenty-four.

13 JOSEPH IZZO: -- they are going to
14 give you that money and where is in this
15 Budget as revenue.

16 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Money to be raised
17 by taxes.

18 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Joe, the question
19 is how do you assign a revenue amount when you
20 don't know who is going to pay and not going
21 pay. You would be throwing a number at the
22 wall and sticking in the Budget just --

23 JOSEPH IZZO: -- you have historical
24 data.

25 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: -- we do.

1 JOSEPH IZZO: Sure you do.

2 How much the County has paid you in
3 unpaid taxes over the past five or six years,
4 that amount -- that amount, maybe a half
5 million dollars.

6 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Still comes in the
7 same year, still comes March.

8 JOSEPH IZZO: You still know -- you
9 still know how much you turned -- you still
10 know how much you turned over to the County
11 and the County will make you whole.

12 MR. HILSCHER: Correct.

13 JOSEPH IZZO: So you know what you
14 turned over and you know what you are going to
15 get back. It is not a mystery number and all
16 I am asking is is it in this Budget and you
17 told me no.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. HILSCHER: Well, the payment is in
20 the same fiscal year.

21 JOSEPH IZZO: No.

22 MR. HILSCHER: Fiscal year runs
23 June --

24 JOSEPH IZZO: But it is not -- all
25 right. I am not going to belabor because we

1 may be talking about two different things but
2 that is okay.

3 PAUL OVERBAUGH: Sounds like to me,
4 Joe, the revenue raised by real estate taxes
5 is \$4,202,000 and of that they don't know how
6 much they are going to get back, so that
7 entails what is not raised on that amount to
8 be added back in March 24, 2024. So if you
9 are going to put that amount in you are
10 actually doubling the income that does not
11 exist.

12 JOSEPH IZZO: You are anticipating
13 that \$4,202,658 will be made whole either by
14 taxpayers paying or --

15 PRESIDENT GRASSE: -- or by the County
16 by the end of the fiscal year, yes.

17 TRUSTEE LAW: Correct.

18 JOSEPH IZZO: But your revenue --
19 forget it, it is fine, thank you.

20 TRUSTEE LAW: Any other questions?

21 PRESIDENT GRASSE: We can actually --
22 we should probably tell them what came down
23 the pike -- if there are any other questions
24 on the Budget.

25 Friday with Lowe's had a reduction in

1 their assessment which changed our mill rate
2 at the last minute.

3 JOSEPH IZZO: I know that the Town had
4 a tax certiorari case from Lowe's and they
5 settled. I don't know what the amount was
6 or --

7 PRESIDENT GRASSE: One point
8 four million.

9 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: They raised their
10 mill rate by 28 cents -- raised the mill rate
11 28 cents with one stroke of a pen, that is
12 revenue we can't generate now off of taxes so
13 we have to makeup the money elsewhere -- so
14 but it raised our mill rate by 28 --

15 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Our total taxable
16 assessment was 168 and changed now it is
17 166,317. That is -- if you done Board before
18 you know that is part of the equation to come
19 up with the mill rate so that changed
20 everything and that was Friday afternoon.

21 WILLIAM DELUCA: So just real quick,
22 Peter, so that 25, 26 per thousand takes into
23 account the Lowe's case?

24 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Yes, we had it at
25 24.9 as of Friday morning and then it -- we

1 got that from Audrey from the Town Friday
2 afternoon.

3 WILLIAM DELUCA: Okay. Thank you.

4 TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: If we didn't adjust
5 it now we would have to send them a check
6 later on.

7 JOSEPH IZZO: I mean, is Lowe's asking
8 for a refund?

9 PRESIDENT GRASSE: No, we got the
10 information --

11 TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: The Town might have
12 to give them a refund but we --

13 JOSEPH IZZO: -- that is my question.
14 You don't have to give them a refund?

15 TRUSTEE LAW: We don't, no.

16 JOSEPH IZZO: Sometimes, it is no
17 refund, and it just changes.

18 MR. HILSCHER: So there are no other
19 questions that concludes our Public Hearing.

20 Motion to close?

21 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Motion.

22 MR. HILSCHER: Second?

23 TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Second.

24 MR. HILSCHER: All in favor?

25 PRESIDENT GRASSE: Aye.

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TRUSTEE HOLLIDAY: Aye.

TRUSTEE MITCHELL: Aye.

TRUSTEE LAW: Aye.

TRUSTEE KOZLOSKI: Aye.

MR. HILSCHER: Okay.

PRESIDENT GRASSE: Thank you.

(WHEREUPON, THE ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS
MEETING CONCLUDED.)

CERTIFICATION

I, KIMBERLY C. ROCHFORD, hereby certify and say that I am a Shorthand Reporter and a Notary Public within and for the State of New York; that I acted as the reporter at the BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS MEETING herein, and that the transcript to which this certification is annexed is a true, accurate and complete record of the minutes of the proceedings to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly C. Rochford', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

KIMBERLY C. ROCHFORD

Official Court Reporter

DATED: September 13, 2023