

VILLAGE OF CATTARAUGUS
14 Main Street, Cattaraugus, NY 14719

Budget Meeting
February 8, 2019

PRESIDING: Wirt Smith, *Mayor*

PRESENT: *Trustees:* Robert Botsford, George Borrowdale, Jason Crawford, Diane Wienk; Eugene Doucette, *Treasurer;* Jon Wolfe, *DPW Superintendent;* Dan Waasdorp *Police;* Betsy Wolfe-Widrig, *Deputy Clerk;* Tamara Stallard-Mormile, *Recording Secretary*

VISITORS: Dr. Sharon Huff, *Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School Superintendent*

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Huff: Dr. Huff was asked to come to the meeting to discuss the possible full-time village police position for after hours at the school. Waasdorp would like to wait until June and after the budget talks and the new fiscal year starts as the current budget does not include payment for this position. Dr. Huff discussed the Worker's Comp issue and discussed other possibilities. The school fiscal year runs from July to June. Mayor Smith brought up the recent rumors about the crossing guards and wanted to make sure that Dr. Huff knows that the village is not abolishing the crossing guard positions. The school does not want the village to do away with the crossing guards. Perhaps the school can set up something to teach the kids about safety and crossing the road with the crossing guards.

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer: Expenditures through the end of January. Look into insurance options for the village. Call worker's comp for an estimate for next year's cost. Please contact the code enforcer about his budget and let him know when the next budget meeting is. The next meeting will be discussed at the regular board meeting on Monday, February 11.

Discussion about rumors and drama in the village. The rumors about the crossing guards got completely out of hand. Lately there has been too much drama and inappropriate discussion about employees. Some to the point where the village can be held legally liable. This needs to stop. The employees are unhappy and ready to walk away. The board members are now saying enough is enough and it's time to stop. Threatening employees is inappropriate and unacceptable. Discussing employees in private matters is also inappropriate and unacceptable. Spreading rumors about employees is inappropriate and unacceptable. It all has no place here and needs to stop.

2. DPW: There are only 2 easements left to be signed. One property owner would like a few changes and then they will be glad to sign. The board agrees to make these changes to get everything all in place and go to bid for the next segment of the project. They have begun looking at old agreements between property owners and the village concerning water. Some of these agreements are out dated and no longer valid because the conditions are no longer being met. Every agreement needs to be looked at again to be sure the right thing is being done to make all agreements current. They have already started looking into a few and it looks like some changes to water billing will have to be made to reflect these changes. All parties involved are encouraged to discuss such changes with their respective lawyer.

Resolution #72 – 2018/2019 Adjournment

On a motion by Mayor Smith, second by Trustee Crawford, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYE 4 Botsford, Borrowdale, Crawford, Wienk

NAY 0

RESOLVED, adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Stallard-Mormile
Recording Secretary
Village of Cattaraugus Board of Trustees

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Board Meeting February 11, 2019. 7:00 pm

