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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK STATE OF NEW YORK  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
2015-2016 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
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Old Schoolhouse  
Front Street  
Greenport, New York

April 14, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

- B E F O R E:
- GEORGE HUBBARD, JR. - MAYOR
  - JACK MARTILOTTA - TRUSTEE
  - MARY BESS PHILLIPS - TRUSTEE
  - DOUGLAS W. ROBERTS - TRUSTEE
  - JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE
  
  - JEANMARIE ODDON - VILLAGE DEPUTY CLERK
  - PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
  - ROBERT BRANDT - VILLAGE TREASURER

1 (Whereupon, the Public Hearing was called to  
2 order at 6:00 p.m.)

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I call this budget  
4 hearing to order. Salutation to the flag.

5 (Whereupon, all stood for the Pledge of  
6 Allegiance.)

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. You may be seated.  
8 Okay. Everybody got a copy of the budget. I  
9 just want to go over a couple of things first and  
10 then we'll take questions. Robert's ready to answer  
11 any questions we have.

12 If you look at this, the new sheet here, this  
13 actually calls for a 1% tax decrease.

14 MR. BRANDT: So, everyone, you're looking at  
15 the preliminary budget.

16 MR. SALADINO: Preliminary.

17 MR. BRANDT: Okay.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

19 MR. BRANDT: Just making sure everybody's got  
20 the right copy.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Make sure we're doing this with  
22 the correct copy, that's why. Oh, that's marked --  
23 okay, yeah, that's the old one.

24 MR. SWISKEY: When did this come out?

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Well, this -- the

1 original budget was out. The Mayor, Ex-Mayor Nyce  
2 had put that out for the March 31st deadline. Then I  
3 got in office and I reviewed it with Robert. We made  
4 some changes, we went over some stuff. This is the  
5 new proposed budget that we have, that's what we're  
6 having the budget hearing on.

7 It's dropped down -- the assessed valuation in  
8 the whole Village dropped down by around \$160,000, so  
9 all taxes were going up. The original one you saw,  
10 we were underneath the 2% tax cap with the original  
11 paperwork that you saw, but we changed that to bring  
12 us down even lower. So the effective tax rate  
13 increase is 2.14%, and we are at 30 -- almost \$35,000  
14 below the tax cap, what we would have been allowed to do.

15 So, technically, it's a tax levy decrease of  
16 1%, but with the assessed valuation dropping down, it  
17 ends up being a 2.14% increase with the total tax  
18 levy on it, if I'm explaining that the right way. He  
19 is better at the numbers and how to explain exactly  
20 how it works.

21 It's a very conservative budget. Some numbers  
22 could have been higher, income and revenue.  
23 Hopefully, we'll have a great season and all those  
24 line items go up, and then we'll have a bigger budget  
25 surplus for next year to do more with. But right

1 now, I think everything's been taken care of that we  
2 need to do, and, actually, we dropped the tax rate  
3 down a little bit.

4 So, if anybody has questions.

5 MR. SALADINO: I do.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Sure. No, go ahead. We don't  
7 have a podium. John, just stand up and --

8 MR. SALADINO: The first thing on my mind is we  
9 usually have -- it's a 75-page document about,  
10 about --

11 MR. BRANDT: Something like that.

12 MR. SALADINO: -- 5,000 line items.

13 MR. BRANDT: Yeah.

14 MR. SALADINO: It's a lot to digest to come  
15 and -- especially, we just got a new budget. We were  
16 kind of looking at the old one. We're probably the  
17 only five people in town that looked at the budget  
18 anyway.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

20 MR. SALADINO: But don't you think the public  
21 would be better served with at least another budget  
22 hearing, you know?

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Normally, at our regular  
24 meeting, before we vote on it, there's comment on it.  
25 So it's not a separate budget hearing, but comments

1 will be available on the 23rd at our regular meeting.

2 MR. SALADINO: And the other thing that I  
3 wanted to ask, especially since Robert's here, that's  
4 great, there's always talk around town, and we heard  
5 the former Treasurer say this, but you and I had a --  
6 Robert and I had a discussion that the Village is  
7 going to run out of money for park debt in 2017. Is  
8 that true?

9 MR. BRANDT: No. That's -- the former  
10 Treasurer was misquoted. She was saying, had we not  
11 gone out to the refunding in May of 2012, at this  
12 juncture, we would have had a problem, we would have  
13 hit a fiscal brick wall. That was her pitch to the  
14 Board back in 2012 to do the refunding, which cut the  
15 debt service virtually in half, and extended it out  
16 to 2024, and that's when we finished paying.

17 MR. SALADINO: So we're solvent until 2024 with  
18 park debt?

19 MR. BRANDT: We're good -- we're good as far as  
20 I can see for now, yes. And then at 2024, the bulk  
21 of the park debt goes away. All that will be left at  
22 that point is the electric upgrade, and that debt  
23 service is roughly 60,000 principal a year, so -- and  
24 then we'll have that for another -- I think it's  
25 another five years or so.

1 MR. SALADINO: Good, because we hear that --  
2 it's okay I talk to him?

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. No, it's fine.

4 MR. SALADINO: Well, you know --

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: But he knows that -- I asked  
6 him the same exact question, John, two weeks ago. I  
7 asked him the same question, so.

8 MR. SALADINO: Well, no, it's just that I know  
9 the procedure of the Board, we got to address the  
10 Board, as opposed to an individual. So because there  
11 is -- you know, there was talk out there, and there  
12 is talk out there, you read it, you hear it, and --

13 MR. BRANDT: Well, as I -- I'm sorry. As I  
14 explained to you, when we had that talk a month or  
15 two ago, the debt service at the time, when I first  
16 started working here four years ago, was nearly  
17 \$600,000, including principal and interest for just  
18 the park. It was unsustainable. That was one of the  
19 issues that the auditors raised, and one of the  
20 reasons why they said there would be -- all the  
21 recreation facilities shouldn't be in a stand-alone,  
22 because they couldn't handle it. And we were doing  
23 that transfer from the General Fund anyway, but it  
24 was unsustainable. That's a ridiculous number. The  
25 refinance smoothed out the debt service and literally

1 cut it in half and extended it to 2024.

2 What Charlene Kage1, the former Treasurer, was  
3 saying was that if we didn't do the refinance, then  
4 we would hit this brick wall financially. That was  
5 her pitch to the Board, and that's what's been  
6 quoted. I keep seeing that in the papers and  
7 comments that, you know, she said we're going to run  
8 out of money in 2017 or 2015, whatever it was.

9 MR. SALADINO: Well, it's scary, you know.

10 MR. BRANDT: That's why we talked, exactly.  
11 That's old news.

12 MR. SALADINO: And one other question about  
13 park debt that I wasn't able to -- because I don't  
14 know how to do this, could you tell us the  
15 difference, the shortfall every year between --  
16 between anticipated income and anticipated revenue,  
17 and what the debt actually -- the service on the debt is?

18 MR. BRANDT: I couldn't off the top of my head,  
19 but I'm going to say, ballpark, 250 to \$280,000.

20 MR. SALADINO: Is the difference of what we  
21 take in?

22 MR. BRANDT: If we left the Recreation as a  
23 stand-alone fund. That is what you can see. There's  
24 a transfer we do every year and you could see that  
25 right in the budget.

1 MR. SALADINO: And am I asking this right,  
2 because I'm not sure that --

3 MR. BRANDT: I'm not sure. I'm hoping I'm  
4 answering.

5 MR. SALADINO: I'm not sure where the  
6 transfer --

7 MR. BRANDT: Comes from? It comes from the  
8 surplus from the General Fund, and that's one of the  
9 lines in the budget that's no longer funded. You'll  
10 see it's different.

11 MR. SALADINO: So between the revenue that we  
12 take in and the expenses that it costs to run the  
13 Park, the Camera, the Carousel, everything involved,  
14 you, off the top of your head, and I'm not going to  
15 hold you to it, 275,000?

16 MR. BRANDT: Ballpark, yeah, yes.

17 MR. SALADINO: So, if we came up with an extra  
18 275,000, the Park would be neutral?

19 MR. BRANDT: Correct.

20 MR. SALADINO: Can we do that?

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: We're going to try.

22 MR. BRANDT: We're going to try.

23 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Make it out to the Village of  
24 Greenport.

25 MR. BRANDT: John, that was part of the reason

1 for the electric upgrade, so that's why this might  
2 seem bigger.

3 MR. SALADINO: Oh, I thought the electric  
4 upgrade was --

5 MR. BRANDT: As you can see, we've been trying  
6 to go up in the revenue. I mean, it's been  
7 phenomenally strong. So, I mean, as I said at the  
8 last work session, each of the concessions in the  
9 Rec. Fund, some of them stand alone and turn a  
10 profit, others don't, okay? You put them together,  
11 and, you know, then it's still not covering, even if  
12 you look at them and, "Oh, we take, you know, revenue  
13 over expense and make money," but we still have to  
14 service the debt. And whoever broke that apart years  
15 ago and made it stand alone made it impossible. And  
16 that was the pitch that the former Treasurer was  
17 making, we need to, you know, look at this refunding.

18 MR. SALADINO: I'm not writing a check.

19 (Laughter)

20 And one -- I have one last question. I'm  
21 not -- I left my glasses in the car. You have  
22 glasses?

23 MR. CHARTERS: Yeah, they work.

24 MR. SALADINO: Oh. And this is a question for  
25 George. He's a Fire Department guy.

1           MAYOR HUBBARD:  Yup.

2           MR. SALADINO:  The other question I have that I  
3 hear all the time from a lot of different people is  
4 if there's a surplus -- Southold Town pays for fire  
5 protection.

6           MAYOR HUBBARD:  Yes.

7           MR. SALADINO:  And we use that to do the -- pay  
8 for the Fire Department's budget.

9           MAYOR HUBBARD:  Correct

10          MR. SALADINO:  I keep hearing that if there's a  
11 surplus, we have to give it back.

12          MAYOR HUBBARD:  No.

13          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS:  No.

14          MR. SALADINO:  So that's not true?

15          MAYOR HUBBARD:  No.  What used to happen with  
16 the surplus from the Fire Department, it used to roll  
17 over into the General Fund and would be used for  
18 whatever.  So the Fire Department tried to spend  
19 every last nickel so money didn't roll over to the  
20 General Fund.  The practice for the past six years  
21 was whatever is left over in the Fire Department Fund  
22 rolls over to the Apparatus Replacement Fund.  That's  
23 why we built that fund up, so the fire truck we're  
24 about to buy now we're not going to bond for, we're  
25 paying for cash.  Between money that's put in each

1 year, plus the fund, whatever's left over, rolls over  
2 into that account. So the fire truck and the  
3 ambulance that were both -- the fire trucks are  
4 ordered. They're coming to us this month for an  
5 ambulance. We're going to pay cash for both of them  
6 with no bonding.

7 MR. SALADINO: That's great. And any word from  
8 those guys about a new firehouse? Did you hear  
9 anything about that?

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: We're going to sit together and  
11 we're going to meet more. I mean, it needs --  
12 something needs to be done there. We're not going to  
13 do a seven million dollar building. We're going to  
14 try to figure out what we have to do. But we did  
15 mention -- I don't know if you were at the other  
16 meeting -- the Fire Department debt will be retired  
17 in 2017.

18 MR. SALADINO: The 125,000?

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, 128,000 will be freed up  
20 to use towards whatever future things are. It sounds  
21 like it's far off, but by the time you start planning  
22 renovations on a new building, it's going to take a  
23 year-and-a-half, and that will all be paid off. So  
24 we'll be, you know, in pretty good shape to pay for  
25 something.

1 MR. SALADINO: And 125, I think you said  
2 125,000, would support --

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: 2017.

4 MR. SALADINO: -- a million dollars in bonding?

5 MR. BRANDT: I forgot what that number is. I  
6 think that's -- I think that's -- I don't have it in  
7 front of me, John, I apologize. Do you remember  
8 that?

9 MR. PALLAS: It sounds close.

10 MR. BRANDT: It's roughly close, yeah.

11 MR. PALLAS: Yes.

12 MR. SALADINO: Thank you.

13 MR. BRANDT: You're welcome.

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. Go ahead, Bill.

15 MR. SWISKEY: You know, this is really not what  
16 I expected. You know, I prepared on this and this is  
17 there. That's not quite fair, George. But, anyway,  
18 let's get to Robert here.

19 Robert, where did most of the money for the  
20 year surplus come from, the reserve for debt, that  
21 came from General Fund surplus balances?

22 MR. BRANDT: Correct, correct.

23 MR. SWISKEY: Right?

24 MR. BRANDT: Right.

25 MR. SWISKEY: That was money that was supposed

1 to be spent on roads, parks, all these other things,  
2 am I right?

3 MR. BRANDT: (Nodded yes.)

4 MR. SWISKEY: So why wasn't it spent? Why were  
5 we putting money away for Mitchell Park while the  
6 side roads -- you been in West Dublin lately, George?

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, I have.

8 MR. SWISKEY: The side roads almost -- I've got  
9 to drive like this (demonstrating). What I would say  
10 is take that surplus that we got for debt, forget the  
11 park, we'll handle the park when it comes due, and  
12 spend that money where it's supposed to be spent, on  
13 parks and roads. I would expect this Board to do  
14 that, because the last -- they were gaming it.  
15 Basically, this surplus that you created, oh, we can  
16 pay for the park, is by gaming, by not fixing the  
17 firehouse, not fixing the roads, not fixing the  
18 parks.

19 We're looking at probably a \$30,000 surplus in  
20 the two park line items this year. I went through  
21 the old -- because I went through the transaction  
22 listings, so I thought that's going to wind paying --  
23 I'm tired of Mitchell Park being first. The people,  
24 90% of the people in the Village get nothing out of  
25 Mitchell Park. They're not businesses, they don't

1 make a lot of money out of the park. So let's take  
2 our money that was meant, put it back where it was  
3 supposed to, and maybe we would have enough to do a  
4 decent bond to fix roads. And that's one comment  
5 that I have.

6 Oh, another is last year we paid \$88,000 for  
7 hospitalization for Trustees and Mayor, and whatever.  
8 What is the total -- well, first of all, a few years  
9 ago, Charlene Kagel put a line item in the budget, it  
10 was zeroes, but the next year there was supposed to  
11 be a true amount there, what it cost. It never got  
12 put in this, it's not there. What are we paying for  
13 hospitalization this year for Trustees and Mayor?

14 MR. BRANDT: It's \$1808 a month.

15 MR. SWISKEY: We know that, yeah. I mean per  
16 year.

17 MR. BRANDT: That's per month, per month. So  
18 what was that? I forgot what that total was.

19 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Across all the funds?

20 MR. BRANDT: Yeah. What was does the total --

21 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: It was 21 per --

22 MR. BRANDT: Twenty-one and change, right?

23 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Yeah.

24 MR. SWISKEY: So how many Trustees and Mayor --

25 MR. BRANDT: That's across all four funds.

1 MR. SWISKEY: I realize that.

2 MR. BRANDT: Okay. I just want to let you  
3 know.

4 MR. SWISKEY: I understand that. But how many  
5 of you are taking the hospitalization. Mr. Roberts?

6 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: No, sir.

7 MR. SWISKEY: Jack?

8 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: No, sir.

9 MR. SWISKEY: George?

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: I am taking it right now, but  
11 I'm going to be coming off within six months. I'm  
12 getting my own policy.

13 MR. SWISKEY: All right. Mary Bess and Julia?

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I am taking it right now. I  
15 am on the Family Plan at the moment. I will be going  
16 on the single plan probably within three months.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I'm currently on the  
18 Family Plan, including my husband and I. And there  
19 has been discussion, as has been quoted in the past,  
20 there's been discussions among George and Julia and  
21 myself, that because I need business insurance for  
22 some of my employees, and now that I have the quoted  
23 number, probably within the next three-quarters of  
24 the year, I'll probably be going on my own policy  
25 once again. And remember, Bill, I didn't take the

1 insurance for the first four years when I was a  
2 Trustee.

3 MR. SWISKEY: I realize that, Marry Bess --

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay?

5 MR. SWISKEY: -- except the total is about  
6 \$88,000. And if we bonded that against a borrowing  
7 for roads, we could borrow close to 7 or \$800,000 and  
8 not even have to --

9 MR. BRANDT: But you can't use the full amount  
10 for bonding. You could take the savings in the  
11 General Fund and use that towards debt, it's not  
12 88,000 across.

13 MR. SWISKEY: With the exception of the  
14 Electric Fund, the other funds, we can transfer  
15 whatever amount of money we want to. And I guarantee  
16 you, if we transferred another 10, \$12,000 --

17 MR. BRANDT: How would you transfer the money,  
18 sir?

19 MR. SWISKEY: In lieu of taxes.

20 MR. BRANDT: The PILOT, that's the only way you  
21 could do that.

22 MR. SWISKEY: Yeah, that's how we would do it.  
23 That's what I'm saying, we could put that money away  
24 for PILOT payments and use that money. So that money  
25 is available, all right?

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

2           MR. SWISKEY: We all agree on that, right,  
3 Robert?

4           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Not in the Sewer Fund it's  
5 not available.

6           MR. SWISKEY: Yes, it is.

7           MR. BRANDT: The Sewer Fund is running in the  
8 red for the past two years.

9           MR. SWISKEY: You're going to have to -- you're  
10 going to have to have a rate increase there anyway,  
11 we know that.

12          MR. BRANDT: We'll be arguing about that, too.

13          MR. SWISKEY: Yeah. We'll be arguing about it,  
14 yeah, but we know we've got to have a rate increase.  
15 And you're basically overbilling in the electric, so  
16 we could use some of that surplus and we can do this.

17          MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. It's something I said  
18 before, Bill, that we were going to discuss. We've  
19 already discussed it. We have a work session coming  
20 up. I've talked about this with all four of the  
21 Trustees, and we're trying to take a proactive plan  
22 and come up with solutions of what we're going to try  
23 to do, you know.

24          MR. SWISKEY: Well, I appreciate it.

25          MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

1 MR. SWISKEY: Now, there's a couple of other  
2 items here.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Sure.

4 MR. SWISKEY: Why are legal fees going up  
5 \$20,000 this year?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Which line item?

7 MR. SWISKEY: I've got to find it here, Mary  
8 Bess.

9 MR. BRANDT: It's in the A Fund, it would be  
10 1420.

11 MR. SWISKEY: 1420? I'm still in Revenue. I  
12 know I wrote it down here someplace.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

14 MR. SWISKEY: It's a big document. Yeah, Law  
15 Contractual Expense --

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: What page are you on, Bill, if  
17 you don't mind me asking?

18 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Twelve.

19 MR. SWISKEY: On this one is 10 of 55, but it  
20 might be different on the new one.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

22 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: It's 1420, Law Contractual  
23 Expense, Labor Counsel.

24 MR. SWISKEY: Yeah. That's an increase of --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What page are you on?

1 MR. SWISKEY: What page is it on in the new  
2 one?

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: It's Page 12 of 61 in the  
4 middle.

5 MR. BRANDT: It's 12 of 61, Mary Bess.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All right.

7 MR. SWISKEY: It's an increase of \$21,000.  
8 That to me makes no sense. Does anybody have an  
9 explanation?

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You're talking about Labor  
11 Counsel or are you talking about Counsel --

12 MR. SWISKEY: There's two items, basically.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Law Contractual Expense is the  
14 one he's talking about.

15 MR. SWISKEY: Yeah.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But that also includes other  
17 than our Village Attorney, if I'm correct in that.

18 MR. BRANDT: Yes, it does. Also --

19 MR. SWISKEY: Did he get a raise?

20 MR. BRANDT: No. If you let me finish, Bill.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, he puts them out.

22 MR. BRANDT: Also, the expenses have gone up  
23 this year. You will be seeing a budget mod next  
24 month when I do the housekeeping mods to cover that.  
25 Expenses have gone up in the Legal. There's a lot

1 going on, apparently.

2 MR. SWISKEY: Can somebody explain to me what  
3 this lot's going on? That's \$20,000 extra.

4 MR. BRANDT: Did you read the work session  
5 reports for the --

6 MR. SWISKEY: You can't read the -- they don't  
7 give you the Attorney's work session reports, so we  
8 have no idea, we're just blind here.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Bill, I will check on  
10 that and I'll get back to you on it. I don't know  
11 myself. I didn't notice that line item being up that  
12 high. I'll check on it and I'll get back to you.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, part of it has to deal  
14 that we have hired out for several different  
15 consulting attorneys to deal with issues that we've  
16 discussed in the past, North Ferry has been one of  
17 them. KASE was another one that we had to have  
18 special counsel. We have had this year several  
19 different items that have dealt with legal issues  
20 that were not within the expertise of the Village  
21 Attorney, so we have had approved and there's been  
22 resolutions approving them, Bill. You've been aware  
23 of them all year.

24 MR. SWISKEY: No, Mary Bess, I haven't, because  
25 I have a pretty good memory and I don't remember any

1 resolutions to hire special counsel. Now you can say  
2 that and I can't deny it without the minutes, but I  
3 have a pretty good memory and there weren't that many  
4 resolutions.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, Bill, you know that we  
6 discussed North Ferry, we've discussed KASE, we've  
7 discussed the Osinskis.

8 MR. SWISKEY: Well, what you did -- what you  
9 did at North Ferry, basically, is -- or KASE, rather,  
10 is you just dropped the lawsuit. Why did that take a  
11 special attorney?

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We haven't dropped the  
13 lawsuit.

14 MR. SWISKEY: You haven't?

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: They dropped one part of it.  
16 The lawsuit against the DEC is still progressing.  
17 That one is still going.

18 MR. SWISKEY: You're still suing the DEC why?  
19 He's not building it.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: It's a procedural item that --  
21 well, I don't want to get into a lot of details on it  
22 because it is still a pending lawsuit.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: But on advice of Counsel, Bill,  
25 just to give us grounds if that project comes back up

1 in 15 years. We're trying to hold our position on  
2 it, is basically -- in general, that's what it is.

3 MR. SWISKEY: Well, what about the other one,  
4 the Osinski one that the Village -- I saw that  
5 result, you lost. You're not appealing that, are  
6 you?

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: It was appealed before. We're  
8 planning on trying -- see what we can do with that.  
9 It's already been discussed and --

10 MR. SWISKEY: The appeal has been approved. I  
11 know that the --

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

13 MR. SWISKEY: The Attorney was granted  
14 permission to file, but did the Board actually file  
15 an appeal? Did the Village actually file the appeal?

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: We lost the appeal, and I don't  
17 know if they refiled that or not. I'd have to check  
18 with Joe on that.

19 MR. SWISKEY: But why do you keep -- not to be  
20 smart, why do we keep going after losing issues?

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: I don't plan on going after a  
22 losing issue, Bill.

23 MR. SWISKEY: So maybe we should just drop it  
24 and save the money there.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: That is the intention of what

1 we're trying to work out right now. Lawyers on both  
2 sides are trying to come to an agreement that's  
3 suitable to everybody. If we could drop that, I  
4 would love to.

5 MR. SWISKEY: Well, I don't know. It's just a  
6 little bit strange to me. I mean, you can talk legal  
7 fees, and then everybody hides behind attorney/client  
8 privilege, and the public doesn't really get to know,  
9 and -- but, anyway, the big one is, and I think the  
10 Board should consider taking some money and  
11 transferring the money from debt reserve to road  
12 repair, the big bulk of it.

13 Now Mitchell Park, if I remember, still has  
14 some of the park fees money, it's about \$535,000.  
15 The payments, from what I can make in here, are  
16 310,000 a year, if we transferred it. So we have  
17 basically a year and a little bit, all right? Now,  
18 if you make some money, it might be two years. And  
19 so you will run out of money in 2017, despite what  
20 Robert says, unless you steal the money from the  
21 General Fund. So we don't fix roads, we don't fix  
22 parks.

23 I think it's -- you know, the last election  
24 said give us a little honestly, and what I'm looking  
25 at, it's not very honest. Thank you.

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Bill, we got sworn in  
2 two weeks ago. It hasn't given us much time. We  
3 haven't even had a meeting yet, besides the  
4 Organizational Meeting. We've had a lot of plans, a  
5 lot of talk amongst all of us, and I gave Paul Pallas  
6 a list of roads that he's going to get prices on,  
7 going to try to do it in the Spring, we're going to  
8 do more in the Fall. So you were here a  
9 week-and-a-half ago when we got sworn in. We're  
10 working on a lot of stuff, and you'll see stuff being  
11 happen -- stuff happening. We all plan on taking  
12 care of stuff we promised to try to do. We're all  
13 trying to work together to get it done.

14           MR. SWISKEY: But we know we're going to have  
15 to bond quite a bit for roads.

16           MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, we are, but --

17           MR. SWISKEY: But it would be nice if we had 4  
18 or 500,000 to throw at it, and then the other 88,000,  
19 we borrow -- we could have a million-and-a-half  
20 dollars to fix roads without any extra expense for  
21 the next 10 years on that taxpayers. That's -- if  
22 you look at it, it's logical.

23           MAYOR HUBBARD: The plan right now is our CHIPS  
24 money went up, that's around \$68,000. We've got  
25 around \$300,000 that we could use right now; put a

1 little bit extra in, we'll have 400,000 to do right  
2 away. And the other roads, we want to do some curbs  
3 and sidewalks first, so we're not just paving stuff  
4 and have to tear it up in the near future. That is  
5 the plan that I discussed with Paul yesterday.

6 I did give him roads down in West Dublin, Brown  
7 Street, Clark Street, Flint Street. To do the cross  
8 streets between 6th to 4th is in the plan, along with  
9 Central Avenue next to Emilio's, are the immediate  
10 ones we want to do. The road ends down there, we  
11 want to look at trying to do something to encompass  
12 MS4 going down the ends of Clark, Brown and Flint to  
13 contain runoff, to put some dry wells or something in  
14 down there, but that's all part of the plan. I've  
15 discussed that with the other Trustees. So we're  
16 doing a plan for right now to fix the really bad  
17 roads, and then we're going to, you know, make a plan  
18 for the Fall and do some more.

19 MR. SWISKEY: Well, it would be nice is if you  
20 put this plan out for the public, even if it's  
21 preliminary.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes. At the work session I'll  
23 be talking about it, Bill. I mean, you know, a whole  
24 lot of stuff is happening the two weeks and we're  
25 trying to cover as many bases as we can.

1 MR. SWISKEY: All right.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: There is a plan, there's a plan  
3 in place already to get started.

4 MR. SWISKEY: Thank you.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: You're welcome. Mr. Corwin?

6 MR. CORWIN: My name is David Corwin. The  
7 first thing I'd like to mention, and I know this  
8 probably isn't exactly the right place, the annual  
9 meeting would have been the right place, but I don't  
10 think you take any comments then, is the official  
11 paper, and there's no line item in there for it. But  
12 you spend a lot of money on required advertising in  
13 the Suffolk Times, and, really, that's the only  
14 outlet you have. But they don't cover the Planning  
15 Board, the Zoning Board, or the Historic Review  
16 Commission, and I don't think that's right. Julie,  
17 the reporter, Julie, used to cover all those and you  
18 could see what's going on; can't see what's going on  
19 now.

20 So I think you could do two things. One is you  
21 could go to your lobbying organization, New York  
22 Conference of Mayors, and say, "Hey, let us just put  
23 this stuff online, we don't want to pay the paper,  
24 because they don't do us right," or you can go after  
25 the paper and say, "Hey, how come you didn't show up

1 at the ZBA and the Planning Board?" That's the first  
2 item.

3 The door at Village Hall, the front door, a  
4 couple of years ago I asked here paint the door,  
5 because it looks like crud. When you walk in that  
6 building, you can only come to one conclusion, this  
7 place is a mess. So I'd like to ask you to find in  
8 your budget money to paint the front, at least the  
9 front door of Village Hall.

10 The oil tank at Village Hall. I believe  
11 there's a fuel oil tank, heating oil tank on the  
12 south side of the building, and I assume it's in use,  
13 and I assume it's single wall metal. And I think you  
14 know, Mr. Mayor, as much as anybody else, what  
15 happens to metal oil tanks, they leak. I brought it  
16 up in an email to the Treasurer. He says that's a  
17 type of budget item. But I would say I brought it up  
18 to the Village Administrator, too, I don't know if he  
19 recalls, but I would suggest that you replace that  
20 now before it leaks, because you got -- I've seen so  
21 many of these things, the Health Department shows up.  
22 You dig a great big hole and haul this in, so you get  
23 the point there.

24 The other thing that's not in the budget that I  
25 would like to be able to understand, and I brought up

1 to the Treasurer in an email, is the Purchase Power  
2 Agreement, the ICAP or LUCAP. And as I understand  
3 it, the LUCAP is Local -- no, I can't tell you what  
4 it means.

5 MR. SWISKEY: Local Unforced Capacity. It  
6 means --

7 MR. CORWIN: It means those generators up there  
8 are on the LUCAP. And as I understand it, the New  
9 York State Power Authority pays for those generators,  
10 some fee every year. Somehow it's figured. In other  
11 words, the rates would be higher, like it was several  
12 months ago when the purchase power adjustment rate  
13 went way up because the test was missed. So I'm  
14 wondering if we can have an accounting of what our  
15 rates would be if we didn't have those generators,  
16 and what they are that we do have the generators, so  
17 we can look and see if this money being spent on that  
18 plant is well spent.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

20 MR. CORWIN: I'd like to ask why did the  
21 assessments go down? That seems counterintuitive.  
22 There's building construction going on everywhere.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right. The biggest one was the  
24 Hawkeye power plant. They grieved their assessment.  
25 The ten years was up and they were able to grieve it

1 after that, and we lost a big chunk. The school,  
2 everybody lost money on that one. The other ones  
3 were incidental smaller ones that people have grieved  
4 and it goes through the process, and that's the  
5 number we get from Southold Town. But the biggest  
6 one was Hawkeye's power plant that's up there.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: George, David, if you ask  
8 the Village Treasurer, we actually asked for a copy  
9 of the property taxes that had changes to their  
10 assessment, and if you go and look down it, there's a  
11 lot of plus and minuses, but Hawkeye was the biggest  
12 number on it. And I believe that Robert can give you  
13 a copy of that at some point. It's part of the  
14 budget.

15 MR. CORWIN: No, I don't need that.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

17 MR. CORWIN: I'm satisfied with the  
18 explanation.

19 If you go to Item A.2705, don't bother to look  
20 it up, I'll tell you what it is, it's Arts & Cultural  
21 Footfalls Donation. So that's anticipating somebody  
22 gives you \$5,000, which is fine. But Footfalls is a  
23 kind of thing from 15 years ago. Maybe you should  
24 strike Footfalls out of there and say Arts & Culture.

25 MR. BRANDT: Agreed. I don't even know what it

1 means.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: It was something that was done  
3 a long time ago.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. That makes sense.

5 MR. CORWIN: Then, if you go to Item A.3905,  
6 and I can't read my writing, but it's some kind of  
7 reserves, that went from zero to \$310,000, and I'm  
8 curious what that was.

9 MR. BRANDT: That would have been -- that's for  
10 the debt service.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: That's the Rec. Fund being  
12 moved back into the General Fund.

13 MR. CORWIN: Okay, fair enough.

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: Page 9. That was the Rec.  
15 Fund, that was separate. It's moved back in, that's  
16 why the zeroes are to the left side of it.

17 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Okay.

18 MR. CORWIN: And if you go to Line Item  
19 A.1113.400, which is Parking Enforcement, I see  
20 nothing in there as an expense. So I'm wondering if  
21 there's going to be any parking enforcement or what  
22 the situation is with that. A.1113 --

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That item was put in  
24 originally when there was discussion of putting  
25 parking meters in, and I believe that's the line item

1 that eventually is -- comes off the budget from --  
2 wasn't it in for two years ago; is that what it is?

3 MR. BRANDT: I didn't hear you, Mary Bess.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That was originally put in a  
5 light item when we were going to meters  
6 and actually --

7 MR. BRANDT: Yeah. That was for the expense  
8 line for any --

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. So --

10 MR. BRANDT: -- expenses incurred for the  
11 meters.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, so -- but I think  
13 because this carries through to 2014 and it was in  
14 last year's budget, I think it's at the point it  
15 could probably come out.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, it just got held over.

17 MR. BRANDT: Okay.

18 MR. CORWIN: But my understanding of that was  
19 after the meters failed, after people didn't want  
20 them, there was going to be the hiring of an  
21 enforcement officer just to go around and put chalk  
22 on tires, and you stood there for two hours, you get  
23 a ticket. At this point in time, I don't see the  
24 Southold Town Police doing that, so I'm wondering if  
25 that's a benefit to the Village to do that and move

1 traffic along, parking along.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Well, we can look back  
3 into that. We did try. We hired the TCO for the  
4 summer I believe three years ago, and we paid half  
5 the salary for a new TCO to work just Greenport. But  
6 all the revenues from that were staying in Southold  
7 Town. So we spent the money, we got nothing back out  
8 of it, so we stopped it. But, hopefully, if we could  
9 start something up like that, we'll have it in place,  
10 so that whatever revenue is generated from those  
11 tickets we do get.

12 At that time, we had to change all our codes to  
13 read differently so they could actually enforce the  
14 tickets, because they weren't being enforced at all  
15 at the time. But we corrected all that, so if we go  
16 back to it, all the money should be coming to us.

17 MR. CORWIN: Good. I would just make the  
18 point, I think it would be good --

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

20 MR. CORWIN: -- if someone went around, because  
21 I'm sure now people are parking all day.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, they are.

23 MR. CORWIN: They know nobody's coming around,  
24 and it's probably better to have a little turnover.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

1 MR. CORWIN: If you go to Line Item A.3650.400,  
2 Expense, Demolition of Unsafe Buildings, and, of  
3 course, what I'm thinking of here is the Kaplan  
4 Avenue disaster. And, possibly, that will come out  
5 of this year's budget, which had nothing in there for  
6 that. But I'm just wondering what's going to happen  
7 to that building, and something should be budgeted  
8 one way or another.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I could just briefly  
10 just let you know on that. The Planning Board did  
11 rule on it, denied the extension. That's coming to  
12 be heard now by the Village Board as the final step  
13 in it. We'll be hearing that on the 23rd. We'll  
14 take our action on it, and the bank is ready. They  
15 already have the demo permit and permission to sign  
16 paperwork. They should demolish it the next day,  
17 within a day or two. I can't say next day, because  
18 we meet on Thursday. I don't know if they'll be  
19 there on Friday. But that's the last step in the  
20 appeals process per our code, and that's the final  
21 step, would be on the 23rd.

22 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: At no expense to us?

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: No. If the bank does it, it's  
24 not expense to us. That's why were trying to do  
25 that, so we don't have to try to impose it onto the

1 tax bill and everything else, and the bank did agree  
2 to that timeline. So as soon as we tell them the  
3 appeal is finally done, they will take action on it  
4 almost immediately.

5 MR. CORWIN: Thank you. Go to Line Item  
6 A.5110.401, Winter Materials Sand/Salt, and there's  
7 \$12,000 in there. And so far, I guess, \$7.600 has  
8 been spent on sand and salt. But as far as I can  
9 see, what the Village does is they go up to the  
10 State's yard, load salt out of there free, and just  
11 spread it all over everything they can put it on,  
12 which I'm totally against. Where's the money going  
13 for sand and salt if you're getting the salt for  
14 free? And I've got to say, if you are getting the  
15 salt for free, I'm just totally against the way it's  
16 being spread around.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I'll talk to Pete  
18 Manwaring about that. I know they've been getting  
19 salt. I forget what he told me. It was 75 ton, or  
20 something like that, we got.

21 MR. PALLAS: We don't get all of it from the  
22 State.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: We buy sand, too, and we mix

1 it, right. Beachwood, I believe there's invoices for  
2 Beachwood where we're getting sand, and they're doing  
3 a sand/salt mix. But I have heard other complaints  
4 about the salt going down pretty heavy, so we'll  
5 discuss that.

6 MR. CORWIN: And I would contend that salt is  
7 helping to destroy roads.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

9 MR. CORWIN: I don't think it does them any  
10 good. It used to be they would just leave a layer of  
11 snow on top of stuff, because they couldn't keep up  
12 with it, that worked find, certainly for me.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Robert, could I just get a  
14 clarification on things? The numbers that are here,  
15 they're as of what ending date?

16 MR. BRANDT: The date is in the upper left, and  
17 the report was run on 3/26.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

19 MR. BRANDT: That means any invoices for March  
20 that couldn't have posted wouldn't be here.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

22 MR. BRANDT: Certainly, and I'm sure there's  
23 other things coming down the pike. But that would be  
24 right at the cutoff, so I don't even know if they've  
25 been posted yet.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

2 MR. BRANDT: So it would be March, April and  
3 May to go.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

5 MR. CORWIN: If you go to Line Item A.7020.406,  
6 Credit Card Fees, I assume that credit cards are for  
7 the Marina primarily.

8 MR. BRANDT: Correct. As the revenue goes up  
9 at the Marina, so does cost of the credit cards. We  
10 are beginning negotiations with them to see if we can  
11 get a lower rate. But until such time, I'm planning  
12 for a big hit at the Marina revenue-wise, and we're  
13 going to have accordingly the expenses on the credit  
14 card machine for that.

15 MR. CORWIN: So that's the 2 or 3% --

16 MR. BRANDT: Yes.

17 MR. CORWIN: -- they're charging merchants on  
18 credit cards?

19 MR. BRANDT: Yes, but we have a lot of machines  
20 with them. We're going to be negotiating that, so,  
21 hopefully, we can get that lowered.

22 MR. CORWIN: As far as I'm concerned, get rid  
23 of credit cards, but I guess that's not going to  
24 happen.

25 If you go to Line Item A.7520.410, Historical

1 Properties Passenger, which I assume is the old  
2 railroad station, which is now the Maritime Museum,  
3 and there's an expense of \$1,000 there, I assume to  
4 make repairs for that building. And there was --  
5 they were talking about replacing the roof and the  
6 air conditioning. Was that ever done, or do you have  
7 any idea?

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: I believe that bill was the air  
9 conditioning work. The air condition/heater work is  
10 the part of that 14,945.

11 MR. PALLAS: Yes.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: The air conditioning stuff was  
13 done. The roof has not been done yet, and I know  
14 they had some brick fall off of the chimney down  
15 there just this past week, that they went and put a  
16 barricade around, so that's going to need repairs  
17 also. But the AC unit was taken care of last summer.

18 MR. CORWIN: So you may be a little light on  
19 that \$1,000 item.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. I believe it's going to  
21 be a budget modification to cover the difference of  
22 when they go to do the roof, we'll be doing it that  
23 way.

24 MR. CORWIN: I didn't see any revenue. I  
25 couldn't find it, maybe in the revenue item, for that

1 piece of property from the East End Maritime Museum.  
2 Is that in there, and what are they paying in terms  
3 of rent?

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: That's a gray area. We've been  
5 trying to find on that, that they were supposedly  
6 supposed to be paying 10,000 a year from an agreement  
7 going back quite a few years. We've searched and I  
8 haven't found what payments were made in a while, so  
9 I don't know. I don't know if going through that,  
10 have you ever found that? I know Marry Bess was  
11 looking at it and --

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. I've been asking for an  
13 accounting for that for the last year now. Also,  
14 I've also been asking for renegotiation of their  
15 management agreement, because the management  
16 agreement that we currently are working under is the  
17 1990, either '1 or '92, which was back when  
18 originally that whole concept was changed from the  
19 police station of the original grant process to the  
20 Maritime Museum. And they were supposed to be paying  
21 the Village back for the improvements that were in  
22 there. I haven't found it yet, and I really have  
23 gone back on lot of --

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: We'll check on that see --  
25 well, it would be a chore for Robert to see if he

1 could find any of the past bills. The last time I  
2 looked, we couldn't find any for several years. I  
3 don't know when the last payment was.

4 MR. CORWIN: So can I just stop paying my  
5 taxes, too, if they're not paying anything?

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Well, no. I agree with you.  
7 The issue came up. We tried to research it. We  
8 haven't found an answer on it yet, but we'll do some  
9 more digging on it.

10 MR. CORWIN: If you go to Line Item A.7550.400,  
11 Recreation Advertising and Promotion, which is  
12 six-and-a-half thousand dollars, and I'm wondering  
13 what that goes for.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Marina.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Marina.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's Marina advertising.

17 MR. BRANDT: They use the advertising lines.  
18 We gave him his own line specific for Marina so we  
19 could track it.

20 MR. CORWIN: So, in other words, that's these  
21 trade publication and things like that?

22 MR. BRANDT: Mostly, yeah, and advertising for  
23 the boat show, and things like that.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The magazines, the boating  
25 magazines in order to encourage the people to come to

1 use the Marina.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We do digital and print  
3 advertising for the Marina.

4 MR. CORWIN: Thank you. If you go to Line Item  
5 A.8010.100, Zoning Personal Expenses, \$27,000, and  
6 the next line item, Zoning Contract Expenses, \$9,000.  
7 And then if you look down at the Planning Board, who  
8 now has a consultant, which the Zoning Board does not  
9 have, there's a big discrepancy in those amounts.  
10 And I can't see, having been on the Zoning Board for  
11 a couple of years, where that kind of money is going  
12 to, unless it's covering the Building Inspector's  
13 salary.

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Is that covering the --

15 MR. BRANDT: Yeah, that's part of it.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's the Building  
18 Inspector's salary

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: And the other item on that, the  
20 Planning Consultant, the work that she's going to be  
21 doing, or that she has been doing, is supposed to be  
22 passed along right to the applicant. If they apply  
23 for it and it's special needs and we need to use her,  
24 the applicant is going to be paying that, not the  
25 Village.

1           The first couple of ones might not have worked  
2 that way, because she was coming in and it wasn't set  
3 up front. But when somebody applies for something  
4 new, if we have to use her, the applicant will be  
5 paying that fee.

6           MR. CORWIN: All right. I think it was a great  
7 idea that you hired somebody for the Planning Board,  
8 they needed it. Sometimes the Zoning Board needs it.  
9 Let me tell you, we've made mistakes that we  
10 shouldn't have made, like the house on --

11           MAYOR HUBBARD: The Zoning Board can ask to  
12 have -- we could see if we could get you some  
13 additional help also. If the Zoning Board wants to  
14 ask for that, we'll try to help out and make the  
15 process easier.

16           MR. CORWIN: But my problem here is the  
17 Building Inspector, \$27,000. I'm sorry. When she  
18 wants to know where a period is or a comma is, she  
19 will tell you exactly where it is. But, generally,  
20 she wants to pursue her own agenda and does. Time  
21 after time she's brought stuff before the Zoning  
22 Board that she should have vetted and said, "This  
23 isn't right, that's not right, you should do a better  
24 job on making your application." And you should  
25 split that salary up with more going to the Planning

1 Board. I don't want to denigrate the woman, she's  
2 not here, but I'm sorry, the Building Inspector is a  
3 disappointment to me.

4 If we go to line -- Line Item G.2770, Other  
5 Revenue, it was one-half of \$1,000, \$500, and now  
6 it's \$340,000.

7 MR. BRANDT: That would be the Peconic, the  
8 check that we're getting for the second half.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What page are you on? I'm  
10 sorry.

11 MR. BRANDT: I'm trying to find the location.

12 MR. CORWIN: G.2770.

13 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: 53.

14 MR. BRANDT: Thank you.

15 MR. SWISKEY: That's the Sewer Account, right, G?

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, that's the revenue  
17 account. That's the check that we got for Peconic  
18 Landing for the first half of their hookup.

19 MR. BRANDT: And that's expected revenue for  
20 the second half. That will be coming in this fiscal  
21 year.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

24 MR. BRANDT: So it had to have a place to land.

25 MR. CORWIN: So if you have that kind of money,

1 then you don't -- you shouldn't have sewer rate  
2 problems; am I correct, or am I missing something?

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: No. Some of that's going to be  
4 going for the capital improvements that we haven't  
5 done on the pump stations. The generators and the  
6 other stuff is the intention of doing that along with  
7 some recovering of depreciation in the fund by the  
8 recommendation of the auditors, but most of that we  
9 want to use for fixing the pump stations.

10 MR. CORWIN: That's fair enough. If you go to  
11 Electric, to Line Item E.0761.221, Tree Trimming,  
12 0761.221, Tree Trimming as Electric. That should be  
13 an expense, I believe.

14 MR. BRANDT: Page 39.

15 MR. CORWIN: I was looking for the pages at the  
16 bottom of the sheets. Now I see they're at the top  
17 right-hand corner, so that was my mistake. \$2.500  
18 for tree trimming. Well, that's a good thing, but  
19 there was no work done in the 2015 budget, so I'm  
20 wondering why there wasn't any tree trimming done in  
21 the 2015 budget.

22 MR. BRANDT: That was requested from the  
23 manager at the Electric Plant, as the other plants --

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. To put it in and get  
25 some of that done. Okay. It's something that was

1 requested they put in. We used to have, I believe,  
2 \$18,000 in tree trimming. That's been trimmed down,  
3 because the Tree Committee was doing other stuff, but  
4 we need to start doing that more inhouse, is the  
5 intention, I believe. Instead of contracting it out,  
6 we're going to do that inhouse, right?

7 MR. PALLAS: Actually doing some, been working  
8 on it the last couple of weeks.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Instead of hiring  
10 Asplundh to do it and we had complaints about that.  
11 Then we had one gentleman who was doing most of our  
12 tree trimming retired from our workforce, he moved on  
13 to other employment. He was the one that really good  
14 at it. So the other guys are learning it, but they  
15 are going to be taking care of it inhouse.

16 MR. CORWIN: Good. It's something that should  
17 -- you know, it's easy to let it slide --

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

19 MR. CORWIN: -- but when a storm comes, you  
20 wish you had done it.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: It's got to be done. We're  
22 trying to coordinate it at the same time they're  
23 doing the brush pickups. When they cut on  
24 Monday/Tuesday, and then the road crew comes by and  
25 picks it up right away is the intention.

1 MR. CORWIN: If you go to Line Item E.0999,  
2 Labor Outside, that's in Electric, there's an  
3 expense, \$369,000, and I'm just wondering what Labor  
4 Outside is.

5 MR. SWISKEY: Your linemen, basically, and  
6 other people like that.

7 MR. BRANDT: Yeah.

8 MR. CORWIN: How come that's called out as  
9 outside labor rather than inhouse labor?

10 MR. BRANDT: Again, this is one of the  
11 antiquated names for these accounts. I intend to  
12 start changing some them, because they're not that  
13 clear. We have supervisory, administrative and labor  
14 outside. It gets confusing what -- who is who, but  
15 that's all the laborers.

16 MR. CORWIN: One thing I would like to ask that  
17 you include with the budget is a list of the bonds  
18 that are outstanding, the dates they'll be finished,  
19 and what departments they're in. I think it would be  
20 helpful, because you really can't pull them out of  
21 the sheets. And that's really good information to  
22 have as you watch. If you're watching these things,  
23 you can get an idea of when you're going to get in  
24 trouble.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. We'll make sure we get

1 you a copy of that.

2 MR. BRANDT: We do have a debt service schedule  
3 in here, though, which does tell them --

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Is it in the back? Okay.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I think he needs that.

6 MR. BRANDT: He wants to see the actual --

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: List of bonds.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: He wants to see it.

9 MR. BRANDT: We can get you that.

10 MR. CORWIN: It's been done in the past.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: Sure.

12 MR. CORWIN: One thing I want to mention on the  
13 roads is I didn't always agree with everything that  
14 Mayor Kapell did, but he told a little story one  
15 night at a meeting about a rich community up near  
16 Yonkers, New York, and they didn't do a lot of work  
17 on the roads. And he said, "Well, they didn't do  
18 that because it was like traffic-calming," because if  
19 the roads aren't in that great a shape, everybody  
20 can't drive down them 40 miles an hour. So to me,  
21 you know, the roads aren't in that great a shape.  
22 Yeah, part of it was all the salt that was put down,  
23 but to me, running out and spending a lot of money on  
24 the roads, from my perspective, I just assume same  
25 use as traffic-calming.

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

2           MR. SWISKEY: He's not pushing a baby carriage,  
3 is he?

4           MR. CORWIN: Well, that's what sidewalks are  
5 for, I think.

6           TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Not in this town, I tried it.

7           MR. SWISKEY: I got one more question, George.

8           MAYOR HUBBARD: But let him finish. Yeah,  
9 he's --

10          MR. SWISKEY: Okay.

11          MR. CORWIN: The last thing I wanted to  
12 mention, I can't find it on my list now, is all this  
13 money that's going for medical insurance, retirement,  
14 benefits to the workers. I don't begrudge them a  
15 pension or some medical insurance and dental stuff,  
16 but I've got to tell you, I don't have a job, I don't  
17 have a pension, I don't get any of that stuff. And  
18 the benefits the Village workers get are just as good  
19 as anybody's anyplace, whether it's public service or  
20 private industry, and I just think it's too much.  
21 And you picked out a little in your last labor  
22 settlement, but you got to keep picking at it.  
23 They've got to pay for their own medical insurance.  
24 And these pensions, I can't support it, I'm sorry.  
25 Thank you.

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you.

2 MR. SALADINO: Let me --

3 MR. SWISKEY: All right. Let John.

4 MR. SALADINO: I have a quick question, first  
5 of all, 28 years in organized labor, I disagree with  
6 David about union.

7 The other thing, I would just like to ask, the  
8 budget went from 5.73% to 2.14%, which is great.  
9 That's about \$35,000, \$40,000.

10 MR. BRANDT: Thirty, 34 and change.

11 MR. SALADINO: Where did you take it from? Any  
12 big item that you took it from?

13 MR. BRANDT: No. It was actually -- a lot of  
14 it came from -- we cut retirement, ironically, they  
15 mentioned that. There were a couple of road -- not  
16 paving, don't anyone yell at me, that got shaved,  
17 that Pete had asked for equipment lines. And then he  
18 went, "You know what, I don't really need this money,  
19 this much coming up."

20 MR. SALADINO: But it was no essential --

21 MR. BRANDT: It wasn't anything dramatic, you  
22 know, of all the lines in here. The biggest chunk  
23 came from, I think, retirement.

24 MR. SALADINO: How so? What do you mean?

25 MR. BRANDT: Because they would need -- I put

1 too much into the thing based on projections. We got  
2 a projection percentage increase that they tell us.  
3 So you want to make sure you have it in place, and I  
4 realized, you know, I went a little too high on  
5 there, to take it out of that, so that's all.

6 MR. SALADINO: Thank you.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Bill?

8 MR. SWISKEY: My question is about the Tall  
9 Ships. I don't find any Tall Ships budgets in here  
10 at all, revenues or expenses. I mean, we've already  
11 spent close to, I assume, between 37,000 and 550,000,  
12 if I read your voucher summaries, right? Why isn't  
13 that a separate line item? That's a huge amount of  
14 money we're talking about, almost \$300,000. I think  
15 the Board should put it on the General Fund budget  
16 just what it is.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Well, Robert is keeping  
18 track of all income and expenses, everything that's  
19 going on with it. I asked him to do that a couple of  
20 months ago. Trustee Martilotta is spearheading the  
21 committee, along with Trustee Robins. They've got a  
22 lot of other work going on. They had one meeting.  
23 By the next meeting, we should have a better  
24 accounting of everything's that's going on with the  
25 Tall Ships, and we'll have monthly reports.

1 MR. SWISKEY: Monthly reports?

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

3 MR. SWISKEY: Still, it should be in the  
4 budget, because you're spending out of the reserves,  
5 I guess.

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Well, the budget really is  
7 stuff for a yearly basis. This is like a one-time  
8 deal, that's why it hasn't been in there, but --

9 MR. BRANDT: Plus, across two fiscal years, if  
10 we put a budget amendment in for this fiscal year  
11 that we're in, then I would have to go to the Board  
12 in June and say, "I need to move it over." Then you  
13 guys would tell me I'm doing a double-dipping.

14 MR. SWISKEY: Yeah.

15 MR. BRANDT: I wanted to avoid that, plus we're  
16 not sure where the budget is going to land --

17 MR. SWISKEY: We know.

18 MR. BRANDT: -- at this point. They're trying  
19 to keep it under a certain amount, but maybe it will  
20 be a lot less. We'll see how it pans out.

21 MR. SWISKEY: But if we get zero back, we're  
22 going to be spending almost \$300,000 out of our  
23 reserves, that much we know. That's about the  
24 budget, 275 or something.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

1 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Bill, the Board has to  
2 approve that.

3 MR. BRANDT: It's coming out the reserves.  
4 Again, the Board would have to approve it. If I put  
5 it in as a regular expense line, then what do we do?  
6 Then we don't pay people to work? We don't pay for,  
7 you know, tree trimming? Where would the cuts be?  
8 So it would be --

9 MR. SWISKEY: No cuts, you transfer --

10 MR. BRANDT: It's better served as -- it's  
11 better served to bring it to the Board at the time as  
12 we need it. As you'll see at this work session,  
13 budget mods is necessary taking from fund balances,  
14 instead of taking it all out at once, and we may not  
15 need to do that, they have to return it back to fund  
16 balance.

17 MR. SWISKEY: Well, I'd find better if it was  
18 in the budget, because the last one there, it took me  
19 six months when the event was over to finally get --  
20 and it wasn't even a full accounting, half of it was  
21 blacked out. I think it needs to be on the budget,  
22 and it needs to be on the monthly financials and the  
23 voucher summaries every month. It's not that big a  
24 deal to put it on the budget. And when it's done, if  
25 you got to transfer it from this, end of this year to

1 next year, that's not a big move. But transparency  
2 was what this election was all about and I like it.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: That's why we're giving you the  
4 monthly reports. It's on the agenda to happen at the  
5 work session. We'll have reports at the meetings.  
6 And, like I said, I had asked Robert to start a set  
7 of books on the whole event. They haven't been put  
8 out yet, because it wasn't allowed to be out, it  
9 wasn't out there before. We're all starting new with  
10 this, we want everything to be up front, and you  
11 could have as much information as we can get to you.

12 I have invited the Ex-Mayor and Peter Clarke  
13 from the BID to come to our work session to give a  
14 report from them also to help give more information  
15 to everybody, and, hopefully, the whole thing breaks  
16 even or makes a little bit of money. But the  
17 accounting will be straightforward, prompt, and  
18 everybody will have an answer, I can't say by the end  
19 of July, but we'll have it right away. There's not  
20 going to be any fuzzy math or anything else, Bill,  
21 and it's not going to carry on for six months trying  
22 to get answers, we won't allow it.

23 MR. SWISKEY: I appreciate that, George. And  
24 there's one other thing. Are we sharing any profits  
25 with the BID?

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: Any profits? No.

2 MR. SWISKEY: Okay.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: Any profits would come directly  
4 back to the Village.

5 MR. SWISKEY: Thank you

6 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, you're welcome. Anything  
7 else?

8 MR. ANDERSON: I just walked in.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: I know, but everybody else has  
10 already spoken. If you wanted to say something --

11 MR. ANDERSON: No.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: -- you're welcome to.

13 MR. SWISKEY: He's homeless, George, so.

14 MR. ANDERSON: I'm homeless, yeah.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Mr. Corwin?

16 MR. CORWIN: Are you going to have a separate  
17 Capital Budget? The Treasurer had mentioned a  
18 Capital Budget.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes. I have been reviewing  
20 that. There's a couple of items that are in there  
21 from some of the Department Heads that I don't feel  
22 we actually need, so I want to remove them out. I  
23 will have that done by the weekend, so we'll have  
24 that for next week, we'll have the Capital Budget  
25 out.

1 MR. CORWIN: So that would be another hearing  
2 for the Capital Budget at your work session and your  
3 regular session?

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: I don't know if we normally do  
5 a separate public hearing on the Capital Budget,  
6 because that's really -- it's a wish list, it's not  
7 really a budget, because it's not funded. We fund  
8 that as we go along, but it does show where the money  
9 is going to come from. I'll have that out by the  
10 weekend and then you can review it, and we could  
11 discuss it at the regular meeting on the 23rd.

12 MR. SWISKEY: Would you put it on the website  
13 so we could get it?

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, I will.

15 MR. SWISKEY: Thank you.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yup.

17 MR. SALADINO: Are we calling this a tax hike?

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: I don't think it's a tax hike.  
19 I mean, in reality --

20 MR. SALADINO: Well, no, because for the last  
21 eight years, the 2% that we were taxed every year  
22 wasn't a tax hike, it was --

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right, it was for debt, reserve  
24 for debt.

25 MR. SALADINO: Reserve for debt.

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

2 MR. SALADINO: So, you know, I know it's petty,  
3 but I always had a problem with that, you know, when  
4 you take --

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

6 MR. SALADINO: We're not paying more in taxes.  
7 I don't care the label that you put on it, it's still  
8 a tax hike, and that's part of being like up front  
9 with the people, you know. It's a close space there.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

11 MR. SALADINO: It's a close space there.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: I was hoping to have it as a  
13 tax reduction, at least 1%. But with changing the  
14 assessed valuation, we weren't able to do that. But  
15 if you look at the first line item, it does have a  
16 negative on there, and it's the first time in a while  
17 we've had that. And that was a goal that I had that  
18 I wanted to try to do.

19 MR. SALADINO: Well, I think with the 171 grand  
20 that we had to give back, or we don't collect, not  
21 that we have to give back, and to keep it at 2% was a  
22 good job. You guys did a good job.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Anything else?

25 (No response.)

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion to adjourn.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

4 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye. Motion carried. Thank

9 you all for coming.

10 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.)

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