

**Board of Trustees
Minutes
May 1, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Siry, Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith, Trustee Jessica Bernius, Trustee Nick LaLota, Trustee Thomas Whalen

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police, Glenn Slack
Superintendent of Public Works, Bruce S. Hopper
Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Alweis
Chief of Fire Department, Jeff Erath
Village Attorney, Bruce Kennedy
Catherine Murdock, Clerk/Treasurer
Tiffany Ladd, Deputy Treasurer
Administrative Assistant, Katie DeGraff

The salute to the flag was led by Chief Slack

Mayor Siry welcomed everyone to the May 1st meeting of the Board of Trustees

There being no "Mayor's Actions", Mayor Siry began with the items on the Agenda:

Public Hearing:

Discussion of the tentative **2017-2018** Village of Amityville **Budget**

Mayor Siry went over the summary of the budget with the public;

**Village of Amityville
Proposed Budget 2017-18**

To: The Board of Trustees

Submitted herewith, in accordance with Village law, is the budget for the

Fiscal year June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018. The total recommended appropriations amount for revenue and expenses is \$15,840,664

Mayor Dennis Siry

Preliminary Budget 2017-18

AVG TAX CHANGE \$ 0.00

COMPLIES WITH CAP- YES Tax

rate 35.19/100

Budget includes:

\$200K	-Contingency for Unanticipated Expenses
\$175k	-Sergeant Promotion/Separation Pay
\$144, 500K	-Amityville Fire Dept. Paid Paramedic
\$200K	-Capital Expenditures
\$250K	-FD LOSAP
\$14K	-3 Handheld Electronic Ticketing Devices

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Fund Balance:

The Village currently has an unassigned Fund balance of \$352,496 Estimated surplus for 2016-2017 of \$200,000 to \$250,000

Amount:

Total Appropriations:	\$15,840,664
Tax levy	\$12,829,093
Less: Estimated Revenue other than Real Property Taxes	\$ 3,011,571

Revenue:

Shared Services	\$13,951,714
Administration Dept.	\$920,346
Police	\$208,916
Building Dept.	\$270,000
Public Works	\$229,173
Fire Dept.	\$35,515
Court	\$225,000
Capital Projects	0
Total Budget Revenue	<u>\$15,840,664</u>

Expenses:

Shared Services	\$1,282,327
Administration Dept.	\$967,893
Police	\$7,179,761
Building	\$298,525
Public Works	\$3,196,809
Fire Dept.	\$1,226,074
Court	\$322,397
Capital Projects	\$200,000
Debt Service	<u>\$1,166,878</u>
Total Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$15,840,664</u>

Mayor Siry went on to explain the changes line by line that were made to the budget from the April 17th, 2017 Board of Trustees Budget meeting; Trustee Bernius states that there is no change in the budget line regarding Joseph Calabrese or Debra Urbano-DiSalvo, Mayor Siry stated that that will be updated; Trustee LaLota expressed to Mayor Siry that he thought we had a understanding about the raise for Judge Deb DiSalvo, Mayor Siry answered that yes they talked but with the work she does for the court and her experience she deserves to be making more. Being that they can't lower Joseph Calabrese's salary this is their option; Trustee LaLota explained that this was a drastic departure from where they were a few days ago, Mayor Siry explained that he thinks this is fair enough; Trustee LaLota thanked Mayor Siry and Trustee Whalen for their time put into this budget he is happy to see that there is money being put in a line for separation pay and that there is \$25K being put towards drain clearage to keep that

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going; Trustee LaLota explained that he was disappointed that the board was going back on their understanding of the Village Justice's pay because with this higher pay someone else might have run for the position during the election and that as the liaison of the court he was intentionally not involved in this decision he feels blind sided; Trustee Whalen explained that he didn't agree to not giving Village Justice the raise, he wasn't sure at the time; Mayor Siry explained that he thinks it is a respectable thing to do and being that they can not legally drop the Associate Justice's salary so their option is to legally raise the Village Justice's; Trustee LaLota also stated that the raise we are giving the Village Assessor is more than what Suffolk County allows Assessors to get paid, Tom does a great job but by giving him this raise he is the 3rd highest paid Assessor, and suggests paying him \$14K which recognizes the work he does and still keeps us in check; Mayor Siry explained that that was the number he gave them and they didn't have time to go out and find a new assessor but they are going to look for a new assessor at a better price; Mayor Siry explains that with everything going on in the Building Department they need to work on getting things streamlined; Trustee LaLota explained that he agrees with that especially with the new projects that are coming into the Village but there needs to be a financial plan to be able to keep the current Building Inspector; Bruce Kennedy explained that there are civil service requirements that we are being held to; Trustee LaLota explained that there are ways to hire someone off the Civil Service list and keep the current Building Inspector by not buying the hand held ticket machines and adjusting the fuel line cost; Trustee Whalen asked if that would allow us to keep him at the same rate; Trustee LaLota explained that it would be at a 10% decrease, and asked if no changes can be made to this budget what is the point of meeting; Mayor Siry explained that Trustee Whalen and Deputy Treasurer Tiffany Ladd did a great job on this budget and that the Building Department hasn't been running as smooth as it can and feels that John Lauria with his expertise and experience will be able to train the new inspector; Trustee LaLota asked what the proposed number was for the real property tax being that he was not given that information; Mayor Siry explained that he could have gotten that number from Johanna at any time; Jack Squicciarini explained that the public couldn't hear the board's side talk; Trustee LaLota and Deputy Mayor Smith filled the public in on what their discussion was;

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee Bernius	nay
	Trustee LaLota	nay
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	3 aye	2 nays

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	Department		Current	Proposed
Revenue				
A1001	Shared	Real Property Taxes	12,829,093	12,828,093
Expenditure				
A1355.100	Admin	Assessors	36,000	18,000
A1410.100	Admin	Clerk-Treasurer & Staff	304,515	291,629
A1410.440	Admin	Contractual/Professional	98,000	102,070
A6410.440	Admin	Historical Society Grant	7,000	7,500
A6420.440	Admin	Downtown Revitalization Grant	2,500	5,000
A3620.100	Building	Personal Services	179,000	236,758
A3120.250	PD	PS - Equipment	30,736	15,736
A1625.410	DPW	Gas, Oil and Diesel	90,000	70,057

MOTION to APPROVE as proposed originally was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee Bernius	nay
	Trustee LaLota	nay
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	3 aye	2 nays

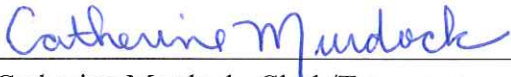
Trustee Whalen thanked Mayor Siry for keeping the budget under the 0% tax cap; Deputy Mayor Smith thanked Mayor Siry for all his work on this; Trustee Bernius thanked Mayor Siry as well;

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There being no further comments from the Board or from the Floor a MOTION to ADJOURN was made by Trustee Bernius and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye	
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye	
	Trustee Bernius	aye	
	Trustee LaLota	aye	
	Trustee Whalen	aye	
Motion Carried:	5 aye		0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm



Catherine Murdock, Clerk/Treasurer