

APRIL 5, 2023
REGULAR MEETING – 4:00 PM

Present: Mayor Grimshaw, Trustees: Hotchkiss, Emery, Linerode and Harter, John Power, and James Race
Attorney Seiter. Absent: William Hamacher

Mayor Grimshaw opened the Public Hearing at 4:00 pm on the proposed 2023-2024 Village Budget.
Mayor Grimshaw gave the following explanation of the proposed budget:

HIGHWAY

- **TRADE IN THE 2020 KUBOTA SSV65 SKID STEER FOR A NEW 2023 KUBOTA SSV65. OUR EXISTING UNIT NEEDS NEW TIRES WHICH WILL COST \$1400.00. NET COST TO MOVE UP 3 MODEL YEARS \$7500.00 (USE CAPITAL RESERVE MONEY)**
- **PROPOSING TO RESURFACE THE DPW GARAGE CONCRETE FLOOR. THIS WOULD INCLUDE STONE GRINDING THE EXISTING FLOOR IN MULTIPLE STAGES UTILIZING 25 GRIT, 80 GRIT, 200 GRIT AND 400 GRIT, REPAIR OF DAMAGE AREAS AND CRACKS AND THEN APPLICATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL STRENGHT SEALER TO PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE. COST ESTIMATE FOR 3650 SQ.FT. - \$15,000.00 (BUDGETED \$5,000 IN EACH FUND)**

HIGHWAY/WATER/SEWER

- **PURCHASE KUBOTA MODEL U17 COMPACT MINI EXCAVATOR. WILL BE USED IN THE CEMETERY FOR HARD TO ACCESS GRAVE SITES AND EXCAVATION OF MONUMENT FOUNDATIONS. WILL BE USED IN THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENTS FOR SMALL COMPONENT REPAIRS (VALVE BOXES, CURB BOXES, ETC.) THIS UNIT IS SMALL ENOUGH FOR ONE PERSON TO LOAD/UNLOAD AND OPERATE. LIST PRICE \$34,304.00, NYS DISCOUNT \$8232.96, SUBTOTAL \$26,071.04 PLUS DEALER ASSEMBLY \$55.00, FREIGHT COST \$893.75 = \$27,019.79 LESS TRADE OF 2007 JD COMAPCT TRACTOR \$15,000.00. NET COST \$12,019. (USE ALL 3 CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS TO SPLIT ABOUT OWED)**

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- **REPLACEMENT VEHICLE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT. 2024 CHEVROLET EQUINOX, ALL WHEEL DRIVE BUDGET COST \$32,000.00. ESTIMATED REVENUE FROM 2014 JEEP PATRIOT \$5000.00 (BUDGETED PAYMENT OF \$10,000 IN GENERAL 9789.6)**

There will be a 2% increase in taxes and an increase of .50/1,000 gallons used in water.

The public hearing was closed on motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye at 4:01 pm. No public comment.

Mayor Grimshaw called the regular meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2023 and the Election Minutes from March 21, 2023 were approved on motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded by Trustee Harter, all aye.

The following claims were approved for payment on motion of Trustee Hotchkiss seconded by Trustee Linerode, all aye:

General Fund Abstract:	10B: \$13,960.68
	11A: \$3,652.90
	11B: \$21,286.75
Water Fund Abstract:	10B: \$59,492.81
	11A: \$3,565.96
	11B: \$14,540.25
Sewer Fund Abstract:	10B: \$44,406.55
	11A: \$15,282.57
	11B: \$13,563.62

Report was given by Mayor Grimshaw on behalf of William Hamacher Zoning/Code Enforcement officer and John Power/Village Administrator

The proposed 2023-2024 Village Budget was approved on motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye.

The following appointments were made by Mayor Grimshaw and approved by the Board of Trustees, all aye:

CLERK/TREASURER	TRACI WALLACE	2 YEARS
REGISTRAR	TRACI WALLACE	2 YEARS
DEPUTY CLERK	LAUREEN TEIFKE	1 YEAR
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	LAUREEN TEIFKE	1 YEAR
DEPUTY MAYOR	JAMES HOTCHKISS	1 YEAR
CEMETERY SEXTON	JOSHUA RHINEART	1 YEAR
HISTORIAN	JUDY GREENWAY	1 YEAR
SAFETY INSPECTOR	FIRE CHIEF	1 YEAR
ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT	WILLIAM HAMACHER	1 YEAR
ATTORNEY	GRAHAM SEITER	1 YEAR
BUDGET OFFICER	TRACI WALLACE	1 YEAR
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION	OSWEGO COUNTY NEWS OR PALLADIUM TIMES	1 YEAR
OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY	PATHFINDER BANK	1 YEAR
SEWER COMMISSIONER	JAMES HOTCHKISS	1 YEAR
CEMETERY & WATER COMMISSIONER	ROBERT HARTER	1 YEAR
RECREATION COMMISSIONER	SUSAN LINERODE	1 YEAR
PERSONNEL & HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER	JAMES EMERY	1 YEAR
CEMETERY BOARD	LOIS BEYER MELANIE HILLER NANCY LADD BRENDA HOTCHKISS KAREN GRIMSHAW	3 YEARS 3 YEARS 2 YEARS 2 YEARS 1 YEAR
ZONING BOARD	NICK CHAPIN BRAD TRUDELL AMANDA MAGRO	3 YEARS 2 YEARS 1 YEAR

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Linerode the following resolution was approved, all aye:

RESOLUTION

This resolution is to allow the Town of Mexico to withhold a sum of \$4,000.00 from the fee paid to the Village of Mexico for maintenance of town water lines which include fire hydrant flushing and valve exercising for 2023.

In place of paying the Village of Mexico for this service a Town of Mexico water commissioner appointed by the Town Board would perform this maintenance.

This agreement covers town water districts 1, 2, 3, and 5.

On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Linerode the following resolution was approved, all aye:

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE WATER RATES

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Mexico is considering an increase in water rates; and

WHEREAS, to establish new water rates as follows:

- a. The quarterly water rate for water users inside the Village of Mexico shall be increased from \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons used to \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons used effective June 1, 2023.
- b. The quarterly water rates for the outside users tied into the Village of Mexico’s system shall be increased from \$4.95 per 1,000 gallons used to \$5.45 per 1,000 gallons used effective June 1, 2023.
- c. The quarterly water rates for users in the Town of Mexico Water Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5 shall be increased from \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons used to \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons used effective June 1, 2023.
- d. The quarterly water rate for users in the Town of New Haven shall be increased from \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons used to \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons used effective June 1, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion made by Harter, and seconded by Linerode, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye the cost of water meters is increased to \$350.00.

On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye, the board set the Village Board meeting time to be 4:00 pm effective through May 2024.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Emery, all aye, the board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Justin Porter is proposing to subdivide properties on Hamilton Street in the Village of Mexico into 17 lots with the construction of approximately 1500-LF of access road and associated utilities. The subdivision is for 16 single family residential lots and 16 rental town homes with a common area; and

WHEREAS, the Project Engineer, Michael Lasell, has provided the Village with the Part 1 Full Environmental Assessment Form; and

WHEREAS, after discussions with Village Attorney, Graham B. Seiter, they have been informed that the proposed subdivision would be a Type 1 action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to comply with all the rules and regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion made by Trustee Hotchkiss, and seconded by Trustee Emery, be it resolved as follows:

- 1. That the Village Board does hereby declare the proposed subdivision of properties on Hamilton Street in the Village to be a Type 1 action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act hereinafter SEQRA.
- 2. That the Project Engineer has completed Part 1 of a Full EAF and the Village Board does make same part of this Resolution.
- 3. That the Village Board desires to act as lead agency for said action and thus, directs the Attorney for the Village to contact other involved agencies to determine lead agency status for coordinated review, including, but not limited to, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Transportation and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.
- 4. That the Village Board shall hold a Public Hearing at the Village Hall, 3236 Main Street, Mexico, New York, on the 3rd day of May, 2023, at 4:00 P.M., to hear all persons interested in the matter of the proposed subdivision.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Linerode, all aye, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mexico will hold a public hearing at 4:00 pm on May 3, 2023 at the Village Offices at 3236 Main Street in the Village of Mexico relative to the application of Justin Porter to subdivide and develop properties on Hamilton Street in the Village of Mexico. The Village of Mexico has declared this matter to be a Type I action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and wishes to act as lead agency.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing following the hearing on Hamilton Street subdivision on proposed Local Law #3 of 2023, a local law amending Article IV of the Regulations to enhance and protect the safety, health and welfare of the residential neighborhoods in the Village of Mexico.

On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye, the board agreed to scrap to old voting machines.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Emery, all aye, the agreed to the request for the MACS high school cheerleaders to use the gazebo on April 29th from 12-4 for a bottle and can drive.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye the following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, second Trustee Harter
BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

The Village of Mexico pledges the amount of not more than \$23,500.00 towards the completion of the joint Town and Village Comprehensive plan through NYS Regional Planning and Development Board.

On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye the board approved the proposal from Invoice Cloud to proceed with the process of accepting online payments.

James Race presented the village board with the detail to his request of reserving the village gazebo the night of the firemen’s parade. Attorney Seiter is going to look into this and the village clerk was requested to contact NYCOM for their opinion and she will get back to Mr. Race.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm on motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Linerode, all aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Wallace
Village Clerk