

**VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY, IL
MINUTES FOR THE
BUDGET HEARING
APRIL 2, 2013**

PRESIDENT JIM E. CLAEYSSEN CALLED THE BUDGET HEARING MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:45 P.M. A Roll Call was taken by Village Clerk, Dana Ward.

Stephen Appell	Present	Scott Kramer	Present
Sally Hollembeak	Present	Gary Maitland	Present
JoAnn Hudson	Present	David Schroeder	Present

Also present: President Jim E. Claeysen, Village Treasurer Karen Melloch, Public Works Director Chuck Freeman, Chief of Police Todd Houde, Dennis McMullen, C.E.S., Attorney Aaron Szeto and Village Clerk Dana Ward.

NEW BUSINESS: A Public Hearing for the Village's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Jim E. Claeysen asked the gallery participants to open with the public comment;

Resident Jeffrey Fustin: Mr. Fustin is concerned that village revenues are down, 2.2% and expenses are up 12% in the new budget over the 2012-2013 budget. He is also concerned that there is an increase in salaries. He stated that he feels the village is headed in the same direction as the State of Illinois. He asked if the Board is concerned. Scott Kramer stated he is concerned. Gary Maitland commented on the salaries of the Police Department. JoAnn Hudson is concerned the revenues are down and feels the state will be slow paying the village the 1% sales tax. President Jim E. Claeysen is concerned that the Police Department accounts for more than 50% of the Village's total budget. On the flip side the Village is a service orientated entity. Other costs will need to be reduced in the upcoming years. Insurance costs are up: Illinois Municipal Risk Management advised the Village that they should consider increasing their premium costs for the next budget cycle by 20% (due to our large insurance claim).

Resident Bonnie Whitmer: Ms. Whitmer is also concerned that revenues are down. She is particularly looking at training, seminars and travel expenses. She stated that there is a 90% increase in a two year span. The Police Department is 63% up over a two year span. She feels that the Village needs to reduce these items. Stephen Appell asked Ms. Whitmer to keep in mind that this is an election year. There may be a need for more training. Ms. Whitmer feels there should be caps put on these expenses. Sally Hollembeak stated that the Board is all aware of these issues. This is the first reading and the Board appreciated the comments.

President Jim E. Claeysen thanked the public for their comments. He entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:59PM. Sally Hollembeak so moved and was seconded by Stephen Appell. All "Aye"; none opposed.

Recorded by Village Clerk Dana Ward.

President Jim E. Claeysen approved the Minutes on April 9, 2013.

**AGENDA
BUDGET HEARING
VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY, IL
WITH THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013
6:45 PM**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: President Jim E. Claeysen

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY: Village Clerk, Dana Ward

VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

Stephen Appell	Scott Kramer
Sally Hollembeak	Gary Maitland
JoAnn Hudson	David Schroeder

NEW BUSINESS: A Public Hearing for the village's FY 2013-2014 Village Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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