

March 26, 2012

Board of Trustees

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Proceedings by Authority

State of New York  
Village of Celoron  
Community Center

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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron, New York was held on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Trustees Kogut, Mattison, Schrecengost and Young

Members Absent: Mayor Keeney

Others Present: Village Clerk-Treasurer Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC, Village Attorney John D. Vanstrom and Highway Superintendent Terry Schrecengost

Deputy Mayor Schrecengost called the meeting to order, asked the Clerk to call the roll and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

None

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Trustee Mattison motioned, seconded by Trustee Young to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2012.

Carried: 4 ayes

**NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk-Treasurer Sanfilippo presented the 2012-2013 Tentative Budget.

Mayor Keeney's Budget Message is as follows:

**To: Board of Trustees - Village of Celoron**  
**From: John M. Keeney - Mayor**  
**Subject: 2012-2013 Budget Message**  
**Date: March 26, 2012**

Over the past three (3) budgets, this administration lowered the tax rate from \$6.48 to \$6.23 per thousand, a decrease of \$0.25/thousand. The Village of Celoron's assessed taxable value dropped

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by about \$600,000 in the last budget year. The creation of the 2012-13 Village of Celoron budget has been difficult because our assessed taxable value has decreased by another \$50,000.

As the costs of providing services continue to rise while the revenues (such as sales tax) to pay for them continue to decrease, formulating a balanced budget is definitely more challenging. We are paying, as you are, more for the fuel for our vehicles, other petroleum products, insurance costs, utilities and the New York State Retirement System, to name a few examples.

As we fight to maintain basic services, we must also be aware of larger challenges. We must plan for repairs to the Community Center, the public boat launch and the Desi Arnaz Band Shell; improvements to the Burtis Street Playground; new playground equipment at the Lucille Ball Memorial Park; and the replacement of one of our older dump/plow trucks.

Our dilemma was to meet two conflicting goals: first, to continue to offer our residents the activities, events and services that they want and need; and second, to keep any tax increase below the New York State limit of 2%. This year's budget will require a \$6.32/thousand tax rate, which is an increase of \$0.09/thousand. This increase, or for that matter any increase, does not make us happy, but it does maintain basic services. (This year's tax rate is still \$0.16/thousand lower than the 2007-08 and 2008-09 tax rates, and \$0.26/thousand lower than the 2006-07 tax rate.) In future years, if revenues continue to drop and costs continue to increase, the Village of Celoron will have to be cautious. Hard choices must be made due to the rising costs of fuel, other products and services, as well as the need for capital improvements and purchases. Future decisions may require either program and/or personnel cuts or further increases in the tax rate.

Your comments on this budget, whether positive or negative, are welcomed. Municipal leadership needs community input to direct their actions and allow for future planning.

Yours truly,

John M. Keeney  
Mayor

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #17 – 2011-12**

RESOLVED, That a Public Hearing be held at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012 in the Community Center, 47 Dunham Avenue, Celoron, New York to consider the Tentative Budget, as presented, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk-Treasurer be and she hereby is directed to publish a legal notice of same.

Trustee Mattison moved, seconded by Trustee Young to approve the resolution.

Carried: 4 ayes

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

None

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**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

Trustee Young motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kogut seconded the motion.

Carried: 4 ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC  
Village Clerk-Treasurer