

PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2016

At the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 17, 2016 at the Hopkinton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilpersons Lyon, Parker, Sochia, Crump.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Green Hwy Supt., Clerk French, Allen Fukes Assessor & code Officer, Annette Green, Christina Snell, Ann Slater, David Slater, Pamela Crieghton.

Supv. Wood called the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget to order 7:00 p.m.

Budget Officer, Vickie French, went over items compiled in the 2017 Budget.

Currently the budget does not exceed the 2% Tax Cap.

Those present thanked the Town Board for keeping the budget within the tax cap.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker that all persons desiring to be heard for or against have been heard and therefore the hearing on the Preliminary Budget should be terminated. Adopted unanimously.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Supv. Wood called the regular meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept minutes of Regular Meeting held on September 19, 2016 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to accept Supervisors Financial Report for September as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 252 to 273 General Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$4,549.85 were audited and approved by the Board. Voucher Nos. 142 to 155 Highway Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$97,509.60 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 17 to 18 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$517.30 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to approve the bills. Adopted unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor:

Luke Daily thanked Supv Wood for attending the meeting held by the Concerned Citizens of Rural Preservation. They want the board to understand that the decision they make will affect the town for the next 40 years. The rural community we have now will become and industrial community. She asked the board to realize the gravity of this project and hire someone with some expertise in regards to the wind project that is not provided by the company. They also asked the Board to do a comparison of the PILOT agreement vs. taxation on equipment.

Correspondence:

BHLS: minutes of October 4th, 2016 were presented.

North Country Regional EMS Council: notifying the Town that Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue has submitted an application for approval to expand their operations.

Senator Schumer: regarding Museum America Grant Program. It is due by December 1.

Old Business:

Solar Law: Supv. Wood presented the Board with a Proposed Local Law on Solar Energy Systems. She reported that she had the SLC Planning Office review the Local Law. She asked the Town Board to review the Proposed Local Law and if there are changes forward them to her. She would like to be able to hold the Public Hearing in December.

Proposed Local Law 2: Entitled "To Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C". Due to the fact that the 2017 Budget is within the Tax Levy Limit Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crump to not move forward with the Proposed Local Law. Adopted unanimously.

2017 Budget Adoption: Mr. Parker introduced the following Resolution, with a second by Mr. Sochia:

RESOLVED WHEREAS, this Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and all persons present were heard, for or against the proposed budget now therefore be it, RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt such Preliminary Budget for the Annual Budget of 2017.

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VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Councilpersons Parker Aye, Sochia Aye, Lyon Aye, Crump Aye.

Community Cannery: Supv. Wood reported to the Board that she received info from Sandy Maine and the town can apply for a grant to do a feasibility study. She emailed the Town Attorney and he advised that the Board can pursue a grant to do a survey in regards to the need for a cannery.

The Board discussed this and Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia not to pursue this at this time. Adopted unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Supervisors Report: Supv. Wood reported that she received a Financial Statement from Tri-Town Rescue via her FOIL Request, however this was not the info we were looking for.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to FOIL them again and be more specific in what records the Board is looking for.

VOTE: Supv. Wood Aye, Parker Aye, Lyon Aye, Sochia Aye, Crump Abstained.

Supv. Wood also reported that we had a safety inspection from a NYMIR Representative. There are some items we need to address such as a Sexual Harassment Policy, and a Workplace Violence Policy. Supv. Wood presented the board members with copies of each and asked them to review them so they can be approved at the November meeting.

We will be receiving a written report with more detail on other items that need to be addressed.

She and Mr. Crump also revised the museum bid specifications. The new bids have to be submitted by November 21.

She attended the Local Government Conference. There is a petition be presented to do away with the Property Tax Cap Law.

She received information on the Long Pond Easement. Mr. Sochia commented that the Board has no control on stopping the action of the camps having to be removed.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He has issued 41 permits to date.

Assessor: Mr. Fukes presented a written report. He attended the NYS Assessors Conference. He attended the SLC Assessors Association training seminar. He attended a meeting on energy exemptions and PILOT programs for upcoming projects. All computer files are up to date.

Highway & Safety: Mr. Green presented a written report. He has the required process for a speed zone change on file. NYMIR Insurance Representative was at Highway Garage. There were things that need to be addressed. He is waiting for his written report.

Town Facilities: Ms. Lyon reported that Tim Kohl will change the lights in the Town Hall kitchen. The current ones are so old we cannot purchase ballast for them anymore. The approximate cost will be \$350.00.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms Lyon to approve the replacement of the lights. Adopted unanimously.

She also reported that the port-a-potties have been picked up for the season.

Fire and Rescue: Mr. Parker reported on the calls and training for the month. Engine 80 that they purchased from Potsdam is now Engine 96 and is now in service.

BHLS: Mr. Sochia reported that the dentist is going to retire and he has sold his business to a new dentist, which will be operating at the same location.

Groundskeeper: Supv. Wood reported that Duane French will fill in as groundskeeper while Mr. Wood is recovering from surgery.

New Business:

Supv Wood reported to the Board that a tree located on Steve Jessmer property, but fell on town property and he would like permission to go on town property to cut it up. The Board was in agreement to allow him to cut it up on town property as long as he signs a Holding Harmless Agreement.

Mr. Crump made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vickie French

RMC