

PUBLIC HEARING 2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2018

At the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at the Hopkinton Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk Powers, Hwy. Super. Green, CEO Ploof, Vickie French, Deb Rust, Dolores Rice, Kelly Potenzano, Frank Potenzano, Lori Witherell, Etta Phelix, Kenneth Phelix, Jeff Snell, Sandy Maine, David Slater, Beth Rosenbarker, Ernest Wood (left at 7:00pm), Richard Eakins.

Supv. Wood called the Public Hearing to order at 6:32 p.m.

Budget Officer Vickie French reviewed the Tentative 2019 Budget. Currently is under the Tax Cap by \$1,002.

Richard Eakins: Asked what the "contractual" expenses were designated for (paper, toner, mileage, etc) and if there will still be a need for a court clerk after the General Election. Supr. Wood noted that it is dependent on the needs of the new Justice [court clerk is an allowed privilege]).

Ms. Lyon 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 6:52 p.m.

Supervisor Wood called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:53.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Deb Rust: Addressed the Board regarding the Open Government Day held annually at SUNY Potsdam. It offers excellent presentations for town officials from various State officials and other representatives and the opportunity to speak with vendors. She stated that Town Board members should take advantage of these education opportunities.

Jeff Snell: Thanked the Board on the strong wind Law they enacted, due to issues seen in recent news articles on other local developments.

Lori Witherill: Addressed the Board asking if there was any further consideration regarding change in the town Board meeting night, due to present conflict with PHCS's Board meetings. Supr. Wood noted that it would be discussed at the 2019 Organizational meeting.

Richard Eakins: Spoke regarding safety issues regarding Amish buggies. Asked that the Board support St. Lawrence County efforts with safety updates, including better lights/reflectors. Should be more like the Mennonites.

Sandy Maine: Suggested improving public education on safety. Kelly Potenzano agreed with Ms. Maine.

\*Supr. Wood and Ms. Pullano asked for the September 10, 2018 minutes to reflect a correction regarding Board members present; Mr. Crump's name should be deleted and Ms. Pullano's name should be added.

\*Supr. Wood and Ms. Pullano asked for the September 17, 2018 minutes to reflect a correction regarding the motion to adopt the 2018 Preliminary Budget; Mr. Parker made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Pullano.

Ms. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to accept minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 10 with correction, the Regular Meeting on September 17, 2018 with correction, and the Special Meeting on October 1, 2018. Adopted unanimously.

Ms. Pullano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to accept Supervisors Financial Report for September, 2018. Adopted unanimously.

Voucher Nos. 234 to 260 General Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$10,863.69 were audited and approved by the Board. There was a correction to the General Fund Abstract 9, due to a duplicated bill of \$30.92, updated September 2019 total of \$31,213.50.

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Voucher Nos. 111 to 126 Highway Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$83,816.17 were audited and approved by the Board.

Voucher Nos. 18 to 19 BHLS Health Center Fund Abstract 10 in the amount of \$441.99 were audited and approved by the Board.

Mr. Sochia made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyon to pay the bills. Adopted unanimously.

**Budget Report:**

There was no budget report.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Old Business:**

Information Technology Policy (Cyber Security): Still awaiting further information.

New York Municipal Energy Program: Awaiting additional clarification regarding sharing of information and NYS towns on the program.

Town Hall Chimney: Supv. Wood reported that there was one (1) quote of approximately \$2,800 to repoint the chimney. Ms. Pullano asked if there were any additional bids and voiced her opinion that there should be a minimum of three (3) bids to consider. She will look for additional quotes.

Building for equipment: The need for a storage building for the groundskeeper's equipment was discussed. Mr. Green stated there was room to store his equipment in a building at the Town Garage.

**Committee Reports:**

Code Enforcement: Supr. Wood introduced Mr. Bruce Ploof. Mr. Ploof is presently reviewing present permits and occupancy requests.

Assessor: A written report was presented. Supv. Wood read it aloud.

Museum: Mike Draper, Historical Group President, reported that the Day in the Park was a great success and the new National Registry was well received and will be erected soon.

Highway: Mr. Green presented a written report.

Town Facilities: Ms. Lyon reported the a new coffee pot has been purchased. A complaint was noted regarding oven cleanliness. The use of oven liners was discussed.

BHLS: Minutes of the BHLS October 4, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

**New Business:**

Court Grant: Per a request from Justice Beekman the Court Grant Resolution, approved July 16, 2018, was revised as follows;

BE IT RESOLVED, that at a regular Town Board Meeting of the Hopkinton Town Board, St. Lawrence County, on July 16, 2018, the Town Board unanimously agreed to *authorize the Hopkinton Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2018-19 grant cycle.*

2019 Budget Adoption: Mr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sochia to add \$1,000 to the A1940.0 Purchase of Land/Right-of-Way account. Approved unanimously. Ms. Lyon made a motion, seconded by Mr.

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Parker to call a special Board Meeting on November 5, 2018, at 6:30 pm, to adopt the 2019 Town Budget.

Approved unanimously.

Ms. Pullano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sochia.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard L Powers, Town Clerk