MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present: Sean Mahoney Supervisor

David Kukle(arriv.6:42) Councilman
Raymond Legg Councilman
Ernest Reale Councilman
Dolph Semenza Councilman

Corina Pascucci Town Clerk

Others Present: Lara Hamrah-Poladian Secretary to the Supervisor

John Farrell Superintendent of Highways Erika Bain Hunter Area Ambulance

Plus, all names on attached listing.

Supervisor Mahoney calls the meeting to order at 6:25 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AMBULANCE RATES

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION that effective immediately the ambulance rates are as follows:

BLS \$1,200.00

ALS 1 \$1,400.00

ALS 2 \$1,600.00

Mileage \$25.00 per mile

Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

NOTE: As per Ambulance Administrator Bain, Medex will implement new rates effective 11/1/22.

AMBULANCE WEEKEND DIFFERENTIAL

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to raise the weekend differential rate by \$2.46 making the new rate \$21.00 per hour effective beginning with the next payroll. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

AMBULANCE PART TIME EMPLOYEE SICK ACCRUALS

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION stating that Part Time Ambulance employees can accrue one (1) hour of sick time per twenty (20) hours worked with a maximum of four (4) hours per pay period. The total amount of sick time that can accrue is sixty (60) hours which does roll over year to year however is not compensable (cannot be cashed out). Seconded by Councilman Legg.

AMBULANCE BOND - tabled

MVP

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to continue with MVP effective 12/1/2022. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Discussion on vision options. Lara will contact David LaVoie to do a presentation to the board.

TOWN CLERK/SECRETARY TO SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to raise the annual salary of the Town Clerk, Secretary to the Supervisor and the Assessor by \$7,000.00 for the 2023 budget. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Board states to remove \$360.00 from the Town Clerk's budget under A1410.4 for copier maintenance as that was for the old copy machine that has been declared as surplus.

POLICE/JUSTICE

Board states no raises for Judges, Court Clerk or Full Time Police Officers.

POLICE

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to raise the part time police officers' hourly rates by 7%, not 10% as submitted. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

HIGHWAY

Highway employees to receive 3% raise.

JUSTICE

Board states make contractuals \$4,000.00 and \$600.00 for equipment. Also, and 0% raise for Justices and Court Clerk.

Board states raise justice revenue from \$45,000 to \$50,000.

Board asks court for rate sheets for local ordinance violations.

TAX COLLECTOR/BUDGET OFFICER

Board states 0% raise for these two titles. Leave .4 for Tax Collector as submitted.

RATE SCHEDULE

Board would like a rate fee schedule regulated by local laws from each department to review for potential amendments.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

Board states a 3% raise for this position.

ASSESSOR

Make the .4 \$1,700.

PAYROLL CLERK

Board states leave rate at \$18.00/hour and lower the .1 line item to \$8,000.

DOG WARDEN

Board states 3% increase on the .1 and lower the .4 to \$1,300.

AMBULANCE

Board states lower .4 to \$70,000.

HISTORIAN

Board states 3% increase on the .1 and leave the .4 as submitted.

BULDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Board states this position received a \$10,000 bump in salary after they reached their six-month probationary period. Board adds they are not comfortable with her request to take ½ hour lunches and be paid for 37.5 hours per week as it would be setting a precedent.

Board states 3% increase on the \$45,000 on the .1

TIME AND ATTENDANCE- Handbook

Discussion about employees who were always paid a biweekly amount that was determined by dividing their annual salary by the number of payrolls in the year now being paid for early punch ins and late punch outs. The board would like these employees to return to a set bi-weekly amount and reprogram the time clock to not begin paying such an employee until 8AM. Town Clerk to make a list of the employees affected for the board to address with a directive.

PLANNING

Board states to increase the revenue by \$1,000 to \$3,500. M. Czermerys states he would like to raise some of the fees.

HIGHWAY

Board states a 3% increase for H. Walsh

J. Farrell states the budget can include \$85,000 in fund balance for DA and \$85,000 in fund balance for DB.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/BUDGET WORKSHOPS/SPECIAL MEETINGS

Public Hearing for draft Local Law #1 of 2022 to Override the Tax Levy Limit to be held on 10/25/22 at 6:45 PM.

Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget to be held on 10/25/22 at 6:30 PM.

Next budget workshop to be held 10/27/22 at 6:00 PM.

Special Meeting to discuss Short Term Rentals to be held 11/10/22 at 6:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:41 PM to discuss the employment of a particular person. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

C. Pascucci and LHP excused.

Councilman Reale makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 9:26 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

No action taken.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 9:26 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter