

MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023, AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present: Sean Mahoney (arriv. 6:33 PM) Supervisor
David Kukle Councilman
Raymond Legg Councilman
Ernest Reale Councilman
Dolph Semenza Councilman

Corina Pascucci Town Clerk

Others Present: Lara Hamrah-Poladian Budget Officer
Venessa Richards Ambulance Administrator
Sgt. Robert Haines Hunter Police Department
Marc Czermerys Planning Board Chairman
Robert Blain Superintendent of Highways
John Farrell Highway Department
Plus, all names on attached listing.

Councilman Semenza calls the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AMBULANCE

V. Richards states she made a clerical error, correcting grand total for ambulance to \$430,089.51. Discussion having a salaried Ambulance Administrator who would only cover open shifts if needed, not getting paid additional salary for those shifts. V. Richards states it is too much for the Ambulance Administrator to do administrative work and take calls. Discussion about a fifth full timer or using resources within the Town Hall to help her with clerical work, ie payroll. Councilman Reale asked LHPoladian about getting information on revenues and what the % increase is for hourly payrates. It was stated by the board the overall increase to 4540.1 is 16%,

POLICE

Sgt. Haines states equipment would be \$10,000 (computer, body cameras, ammunition, uniforms)

Supervisor Mahoney asks for payroll numbers and vehicle costs for Laurel House Rd.

LH Poladian states she can get info from Susan Graham or FEMA rates for vehicles

HIGHWAY

B. Blain states he used 5% on all .1's.

DA5130.4 the board instructs to budget \$120,000 (originally submitted at 110,000)

DA5142.4 budget \$80,000 (originally submitted at 76,000)

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize the Highway Superintendent to put out an RFP for a plow truck to meet the specifications of what he needs. To be opened at the 11/28/23 meeting, due by 3PM 11/28/23. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

PLANNING

Chairman submits budget estimate sheets at the meeting.

Supervisor Mahoney states to go to five % for now with departments (Budget Officer NOTE: with a few exceptions)

BUDGET ADMINISTRATOR

Expenditure line item includes amt for new computer, board advised to keep in.
Lhp will contact Marc Czmerczys to discuss need and issues

COURT

The dept submitted a rev figure of \$50k. The board agrees to budget \$53,000 and asked for court revenue information for next meeting.

Lhpoldian clarified with board that this dept submitted at a 3% payroll increase, the board advised to use submitted figure at 3%.

HEALTH INSURANCE BUYOUT

Board states to not use Health Insurance Buyout payments in the .1's.

Budget officer NOTE: These payments go through payroll to the employees however they are not coded to their department, rather they are coded to 9060.8 which is health insurance.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Supervisor Mahoney states increase monitor line item to \$125.00 for each.

GRANICUS

Budget \$25,000 for now.

MOWER

Budget \$3500.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

NAN STOLZENBURG

Supervisor Mahoney received an updated proposal of \$14,000.

MARGARET IRWIN

The board discussed budgeting \$35,000. The final result being to borrow a total of \$50,000 in 2024 and budget \$0.00 for the professional services,

PAY RATE

Supervisor Mahoney instructs to budget \$25.00 per hour for Susan Graham, 100 hours for now.

NY CLASS

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to invest \$750,000 in NY Class, transfer from General and Highway Fund. Seconded by Councilman Legg. NOTE: amounts would be not to exceed \$500k from General and NTE \$250k from Highway.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Next budget workshop is scheduled for 10/17/23 at 6:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 9:13 PM. To discuss the employment of a particular person. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

C.P and L.H-P excused.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 9:46 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to hire Jim Stone to a Full-Time Ambulance spot with all the benefits and privileges of that Full-Time Ambulance person. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to hire Robert Cologero as a Part-Time Building Inspector for a salary of \$1,000.00 per month to work at a minimum of four days per month with a bi-weekly report of activities to be submitted to the Town Board with retroactive pay. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 9:47 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter