

MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024, AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK

Present:	Sean Mahoney Raymond Legg Ernest Reale Dolph Semenza	Supervisor Councilman Councilman Councilman
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
Others Present:	Lara Hamrah-Poladian Sgt. Robert Haines Robert Blain Plus, all other names on attached sign in sheet.	Budget Officer Hunter Police Department Superintendent of Highways

Absent: David Kukle Councilman

Supervisor Mahoney calls the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Health Insurance – Board to review documents for next meeting. L. H-P worked this document with salaries as submitted and with a renewal of the current health insurance plan. She reminds the board they need to make a motion to choose which plan they want. Supervisor Mahoney asks for calculations for the cost difference between the plans. The Board asks for prices on a gold plan as the estimates only include pricing for silver and bronze. L. H-P adds Highmark Blue Shield is currently an unknown variable, she used a 5% increase for this workshop until rates are received from the broker.

Councilman Legg states the cost-of-living increase is 2.5% and suggests a 3% raise across the board for all employees.

Building/Code Enforcement

B2771 – Town Board feels \$30,000 is too low.

B2555-Town Board feels this needs to be adjusted.

The Town Board asks if Rose’s numbers are in addition to Lara’s 6/30/24 numbers or are they new totals. The Town Board has questions for the Code Enforcement Officer, L H-P will use Rose’s numbers until she hears otherwise.

RBT – AUD

L. H-P states last year they billed more than their estimate, \$5,450 was the estimate and the town paid \$8,500. She will use \$7,500 for now and see if they can lower that amount for 2025. Another firm was contacted and submitted a quote.

Summary

L. H-P and L. Gardner agreed upon \$130,000 for mortgage tax, also spoke with Adele in the county office. She feels the court revenue could be raised from \$50,000 to \$55,000, Town Board agrees. She adds that the two judges have agreed on one full time court clerk for next year. She needed to lower franchise revenue to \$45,000 and lowered ambulance revenue.

The Town Board states 3% on all Highway and Ambulance .1s, the police .1s are already submitted at 3% except for those with a contract.

Councilman Legg states every employee who does not have a contract to use a 3% pay raise for this budget document.

A1420.4 \$11,000 to \$9,000

A1620.41 lower to \$10,000

A1620.42 lower to \$18,000 if we did not go over that last year.

L. H-P states she has contacted the Village of Hunter several times for hydrant charges with no response. She adds that the ambulance payroll needs to be streamlined or simplified. It takes a great deal of hours for both the payroll clerk and the Ambulance Administrator and simplifying could help.

A4540.42 lower to \$14,000

Supervisor Mahoney asks if the towing revenue is calculated anywhere. L. H-P states it all goes back into the account to pay the expenses. Supervisor Mahoney requests to see those numbers.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to hold the next Budget Workshop on 10/17/24 at 6PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Councilman Kukle)

George Kelly would like to thank the Town of Hunter Highway Department for a phenomenal job with an inter-agency operation.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Councilman Kukle)

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter