

MINUTES OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024, AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present:	Sean Mahoney	Supervisor
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Raymond Legg	Councilman
	Ernest Reale	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman

	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
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Others Present:	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Budget Officer
	Ariel Woolheater	Ambulance Administrator
	DeDe Terns Thorpe	Historian
	Marc Czermerys	Planning Board Chairperson
	Robert Blain	Superintendent of Highways
	Plus, all names on attached listing.	

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to open the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5 Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to close the Public Hearing at 6:05 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

D. Terns Thorpe updates the board on the map project. Jackie from the Mountain Top Library is assisting her with the project and they will be applying for a community grant from the Bank of Greene County.

The current budget document shows a 4.8% increase in the Village and a 4.5% increase in the Town.

GRANICUS

Supervisor Mahoney states that the address identification module is working, and the hotline number needs to be publicized. He adds the mailing option is not being used because the town needs to send letters certified return receipt. He states the Code Enforcement Officer feels she has the STR process under control herself and does not see the need to have the remaining three modules.

Discussion on remaining with Granicus but downsizing as they have not yet delivered the full product.

Discussion on budgeting for a floating assistant which the board plans on hiring, potentially with cost offset by fund balance. The board wishes to leave the \$23,000 in for Granicus and leave fund balance in B as \$20,000. Also, discussion about placing another \$10,000 from fund balance into the general fund A.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to put additional \$10,000 fund balance into A under A1430.11. Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

L. Hamrah-Poladian states she budgeted conservatively on revenues with NY Class and may be able to cover the \$10,000 with an increase in A2401, offset the additional \$\$10,000 by \$5,000 from fund balance and increase A2401 by \$5,000 to a total of \$30,000.

Supervisor Mahoney states okay.

RUPCO – M. Czermerys states the pilot probably would not be until 2026. Supervisor Mahoney states it is after the Certificate of Occupancy is issued so it is not likely in 2025.

HEALTH INSURANCE

L. Hamrah-Poladian states the health insurance buyout has not been increased in some time, however the cost of health insurance has continued to go up. She asks the board to review this incentive as it is a huge savings to the town. The buyout is currently \$2,500 for singles and \$5,000 for family. Currently the annual health insurance costs for an employee who does not contribute 10% of health insurance costs are between \$34,000 and \$31,000. The board generously increased the deductible for those in the health insurance plan to \$3,250 and \$6,500. Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to increase the Health Insurance Buyout in 2025 by \$250 for singles and \$500 for any plan other than single. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney states M. Yost has praised the highway department and Greene County Soil and Water has praised the Planning Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:09 PM to discuss the potential sale or lease of real property. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 8:41 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

No action taken.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 8:41 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter