

MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 AT 6:15 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

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

Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
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Others Present:

Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Budget Officer
Erika Bain	Hunter Area Ambulance
Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
John Farrell(arriv.7pm)	Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to open the budget meeting at 6:16 PM.

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that HD Lane Fire Company had verbally told her no increase.

POLICE

Sgt. Haines states requesting 3% raise across the board for his department.

Discussion on cell phone(s) for police department.

Supervisor Legg states the Officer In Charge should have a separate cell phone paid for by the town for town business and should not be using his personal cell phone for town business.

Town Board to investigate possibility of a stipend for personal cell phones being used also as work phones.

Supervisor Legg states he will ask S. Graham to research rates for a separate cell phone.

Sgt. Haines states that the new vehicle is arriving this Thursday.

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize the Town Attorney to start the bond paperwork for the new police vehicle, not to exceed \$50,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Discussion on need to purchase new vests for the police department with a 50% reimbursement from a grant.

Supervisor Legg feels that a police officer should be required to work a minimum number of shifts per year to remain on the roster.

Sgt. Haines states he did not budget for an extra person for the Impound Lot next year as he anticipates the money to pay for that person will come from revenue from the Impound Lot.

COURT OFFICER

Supervisor Legg states that the funding could come from the mountain road, not out of the police budget.

Sgt. Haines states it would be hard to find someone willing to work a one hour shift each Wednesday to cover court (officer would receive 4 hours pay). He adds that he is in the building anyway doing office work.

Supervisor Legg states that this needs further discussion with the Police Department and the Court. He adds that the Town Board will be sending a memo to the Court. He adds that the memo will also ask when the Court will be re-opening.

Sgt. Haines states that it is open now, they have been holding Court for the last three weeks.

L. Hamrah-Poladian asks Councilman Legg to contact the Court Clerk tomorrow regarding plexiglass shields.

AMBULANCE

E. Bain states that she has budgeted for 3% raises across the board.

E. Bain states that she has received a price for a 2019 new ambulance with a trade in value for one of the current ambulances of \$15,000.

Town Board feels trade in too low, E. Bain will tell the company that they are not interested.

Discussion on getting pricing for a 2021 model ambulance with payments to begin in 2022.

E. Bain asks for the status of the new furnace for the ambulance building.

Councilman Legg states that he will discuss this with Thorpe Contracting.

HIGHWAY

J. Farrell states that he has budgeted for 3% raises for his department.

BUDGET

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that packet 1 has been submitted with 3% pay raises for everyone.

Supervisor Legg will contact Attorney Gardner about the Building and Planning fee schedules.

BUILDING – use submitted revenue figures for now.

PLANNING – budget \$1500 for revenue.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY – decrease to \$1500

PEOPLE OF HAINES FALLS- budget \$2,000

STONE CARVING – leave as is

SPROUTS – budget \$0 for now

GREENE ROOM PLAYERS – leave at \$200

FISH & GAME – leave at \$400

RENOVATIONS – budget \$25,000

TECHNOLOGY – budget \$20,000. Board wishes to have John Dale come back to review proposal for camera system. L. Hamrah-Poladian states that Bill Curtis also wishes to submit a proposal for work that needs to be done to comply.

HEALTH INSURANCE – Councilman Legg states that Sgt. Haines wanted to discuss health insurance in retirement. Supervisor Legg states that there are many employees who have been here for decades.

Councilman Mahoney states that perhaps those employees were hired with certain health insurance details promised to them in retirement.

GENERATOR

J. Farrell states that a generator is needed for the gas pump system as it only has a three-hour battery life.

Supervisor Legg states that the board must investigate getting a larger generator for the Town Hall.

LAND DEVELOPMENT- lower to \$5,000

COURT REVENUES – leave as is

BUDGET MEETING

The next budget meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSOLIDATION

Fire Department Consolidation meeting originally scheduled for September 17, 2020 has been rescheduled to October 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Tannersville Rescue Squad building. Supervisor Legg states that the number of attendees allowed per department is four.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to adjourn at 8:31 PM. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter