

MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present:	Sean Mahoney	Supervisor
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Ernest Reale(arrival 7:14 PM)	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman
	Corina Pascucci(left 9:45PM)	Town Clerk
Others Present:	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Budget Officer
	Marc Czermerys	Planning Board Chairman
	John Farrell	Superintendent of Highways
	Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
	Erika Bain	Hunter Area Ambulance
	Venessa Richards	Hunter Area Ambulance
	Sarah Pellizzari(arrival 7:26 PM)	Code Enforcement Officer
	Plus, all names on attached listing.	
Absent:	Raymond Legg	Councilman

Supervisor Mahoney calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

STONE CARVING SEMINAR

K. VanHentenryck states that his primary obstacle is operating costs adding that the program is growing faster than the budget allows. He states that the rental cost for the tents have tripled since pre-pandemic prices. He has several suggestions for the Town Board:

- The building of a pavilion and picnic benches in the stone carving park.
- The Town purchase tents for use by the stone carving seminar.
- The Town increase the money in the budget for the seminar.

TECHNOLOGY

M. Czermerys informs the board of a \$2,000 one-time fee for cloud implementation and a monthly fee of \$300 for onsite computers. He also speaks about Cyber Security training at a cost of \$500.00 per year. He would like to increase the contractuals from \$12,000 to \$15,000 per year.

SPROUTS

Budget \$200.00 if the program will be running in the Town of Hunter next year. Councilman Kukle will contact someone from Sprouts.

GREENE ROOM PLAYER, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, FISH & GAME, GOLDEN AGERS.

Keep the same.

AMBULANCE

Board would like to run the budget with one Ford ambulance, two ipads with cases and one AED. L. Hamrah-Poladian will factor in \$100,000 for a new ambulance.

E. Bain states she has put in for 3% raises which is on par with other ambulance services.

She states that delivery of the new ambulance could be one year or one and a half years out.

She requests that the board consider granting two sick days per year for the part time ambulance employees.

Discussion – working thirteen 12-hour shifts and the employee would earn one sick day which would be capped at five days with no pay out. A part time employee could accumulate up to two sick days per year with a maximum of five days and it would be capped at five.

E. Bain states this is not factored into her budget, she will work up the costs for the next budget meeting.

Board asks L. H-P to factor in the budget the new ambulance, also add \$9,000 to payroll for the sick days.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to place an order for one new ambulance, Ford Transit full conversion not to exceed \$100,000. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Legg)

POLICE

Sgt. Haines discusses the possible hiring of one additional Full Time Police Officer.

Supervisor Mahoney states there is one interested individual who is paying for their own certification and as an incentive to work and stay with the Town of Hunter for a period of time the board may contractualize offsetting or paying in full for that schooling.

He adds that the overtime estimation does not include himself and he took out the money budgeted for special events. He states that if the handbook is passed, he has not budgeted for full time employees cashing in unused vacation time.

The board states they will be fair and consider tax implications to employees and they are okay with this not being factored into the budget at this time.

Sgt. Haines states he has budgeted for a decrease of \$15,000 in equipment and the \$4,000 is for uniform changes. He adds that Officer McCabe has been working on a new patch design.

Supervisor Mahoney would like to see the patch design become the Town emblem on letterhead, vehicles, etc...

Sgt. Haines states his .4s have increased due to inflation and insurance increases, for salaries he put in 10% for his department adding that employees are disgruntled, and it is difficult to maintain employees with the current rates of pay.

Board states to leave as submitted.

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

S. Pellizzari states there is a second option to the salary amount that she submitted in her 2023 budget which would be to take a half hour lunch instead of one hour and be paid for a 37 ½ hour week which would be a \$3,000 increase to her current salary.

SHORT TERM RENTALS

S. Pellizzari states this will need to be a full-time position and she is not sure how to handle that in the budget.

Discussion on personnel needs for the workload.

PLANNING – leave as submitted.

HIGHWAY

J. Farrell discusses electric mowing equipment. He adds that he would like to budget \$45,000 in the 2023 budget for a mower and requires an emergency \$30,000 purchase out of the 2022 budget for a 20-ton trailer. He also states he is looking for a used grader.

C. Pascucci left the meeting.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize J. Farrell to purchase the grader in NJ not to exceed \$8,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize purchase of 20-ton trailer under emergency action not to exceed \$30,000. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

Discussion on repaving the Town Hall complex next year.

NEXT BUDGET MEETING

Next budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

MVP

Supervisor Mahoney states the board needs time to focus on these plan details.

Multiple conversations going on at once, unable to transcribe.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 10:00 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter