

September 26, 2013

Budget Meeting

3:00 pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Reiter; Councilmen Marra, Palmer and Winkley; Finance Officer Johnson; Accountant Allan; Town Clerk Carol Brandon, 2 press; 1 resident and Clerk Donna Garfinkel

ABSENT: Councilman Bax

Reiter updated Board members on the work that has been done on the budget so far. Regarding the monetization for power; so far, the Town Board has approved expenditure for a rebate on water bills. The Water Department takes in approximately \$100,000 from water bills, six times a year, totaling \$760,000, paid to the County.

All budgets are in line, except the Water Dept. This budget has not quite doubled, but it needs to be reviewed on how to reduce this budget.

Items to be reviewed closely are the natural gas cost for the Town Hall, Senior Center and Highway Garage. Revenue from the monetization for power can be used for the energy costs at these buildings.

Electric costs also need to be reviewed for the Town Hall, Senior Center, Highway Garage, and the parks. Allan will put a NYPA credit in each department's revenue line in hopes to off-set the cost. The WWTP is not included because these costs are shared by four municipalities.

The Water Department has included an additional person, which is an additional \$95,000/including benefits. This may need to be eliminated. Seasonal help needs to be kept in-check with this department.

Johnson and Allan have met with the department heads, but they would like to speak to the Board on behalf of their budgets.

Workers Compensation and Health Insurance have increased quite a bit. Union contracts also need to be negotiated.

Sales tax is higher than anticipated. Additional sales tax has been directed toward the Highway Department. Palmer asked if Highway Superintendent Janese has offered any replacement schedule for equipment. Reiter said no. Trucks are on order and should arrive in December.

Johnson met with Janese who requested an additional \$100,000 for permanent contractual for 2014. There is a large amount of money remaining in the machine equipment line for the purchase of a leaf sucker. As of today it has not been ordered. Janese has requested \$100,000 for machine equipment in 2014.

Each department has given the general consensus for a 3% increase in wages. Some departments requested additional items; which need to be discussed in executive session.

Palmer asked what is driving the increase in the Water Department other than the additional employee. Reiter said 500 meters have been ordered. With the rainy summer residents did not use water and the bond dollars went up.

When new water meters are installed, a more accurate reading can be taken and this will help with the revenue.

When Reiter became Supervisor the Water Fund Balance was \$44,000. It is now approximately \$200,000. Reiter would like to not take from fund balance they have been building this up for years.

Reiter believes the budget is proceeding well.

LEGACY DRIVE

Reiter requests the Town Board hire CRA since they have the history, to complete the dedication of Legacy Drive. Their cost will be charged back to Massaro, the developer.

**Winkley MOVED to hire CRA to work on the final dedication approvals for Legacy Drive, with costs to be charged to Massaro, the developer, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 4 – 0.**

JOSEPH DAVIS STATE PARK

Reiter requests the Board approve a meeting with CRA to discuss the SEQRA.

**Winkley MOVED to meet with CRA on October 28 @ 5:00 pm, regarding the SEQRA process at Joseph Davis State Park, Seconded by Palmer and Carried 4 – 0.**

**Winkley MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, Seconded by Marra and Carried 4 – 1.** (3:30 pm)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Supervisor Reiter; Councilmen Bax, Marra, Palmer and Winkley; Town Clerk Carol Brandon and Clerk Donna Garfinkel

Discussion on personnel. No action taken.

**Bax MOVED to exit Executive Session and close the Budget meeting, Seconded by Marra and Carried 5 - 1.** (3:50 pm)

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted by:

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Deputy Town Clerk