**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Sodus Town Board Budget Workshop/Special Town Board Meeting held October 2, 2018 in the Upstairs Conference Room, commencing at 5:00 PM located at 14-16 Mill St. Sodus, NY 14551.

Sodus Town Board Meetings are open to the public.

Roll Call/Present: Steven LeRoy, Supervisor

David LeRoy, Councilperson/Deputy Supervisor

Jim Quinn, Councilperson

Don Ross, Councilperson

***(Left meeting temporarily at 6:20 PM for Planning Meeting)***

Scott Johnson, Councilperson

***(Arrived late at 5:07 PM)***

Recording Secretary: Lori Diver, Town Clerk

Absent: N/A

Others Present: Bree Crandell, Confidential Supervisor Clerk

Thomas Putnam, Town of Sodus Justice

Ernie Baker, T/Sodus Resident

Supervisor Steve LeRoy called the Budget Workshop/Special Board Meeting to order commencing at 5:00 PM. All Town Board were present with the exception of, Councilperson Scott Johnson (did not arrive until 5:07 PM).

Town Clerk Lori Diver handed the Town Board their 2019 Tentative Budget reflecting current changes from previous budget meetings.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

***(Ernie Baker)***

Ernie Baker questioned Supervisor LeRoy and the Town Board in regards to the total amount of the sales tax the Town of Sodus receives from New York State and of that amount what percentage of that is given to the Village of Sodus and Village of Sodus Point. Confidential Clerk Bree Crandell stated the amount the Town of Sodus received this year was around $77,000.00 however; the Town Board, Supervisor LeRoy, and Supervisor Clerk Crandell did not have the percentage total right at that moment but, asked Baker to check back with them at the next meeting.

***(Thomas Putnam 5:10 PM)***

Tom Putnam Town of Sodus Justice discussed with the Town Board his proposed 2019 Court budget. Tom stated his pay has not increased in several years and is not at the same level of other judges locally. He stated their wages are much higher. Supervisor LeRoy stated he has a comparison chart of judges’ salary throughout the County he can provide to Putnam for his reference. Bree Crandell provided copies for the Board and Putnam.

Putnam shared he has increased his hours he is working due to arraignments and helping the Town of Williamson’s Judge and Town of Ontario’s Judge. Many times the Williamson Town Judge or Ontario Town Judge is not available to do arraignments. This was part of Putnam’s reasoning for an increase in his salary.

Supervisor LeRoy talked with Putnam about Bailiff Walt Simoni and the amount of hours he is working in the Town Court which include, arriving several hours before Town Court starts and staying later after Court is finished. Putnam stated there have been some concerns with Simoni’s hours and Putnam will talk with him. The Board stated as far as the budget line for Bailiff for 2019 they would like to decrease the line item to a flat rate of either $75.00 or $80.00 instead of an hourly rate. Putnam was in agreement with the change in this budget line.

Supervisor LeRoy and Judge Putnam discussed the Court MiFi Air card they currently are using that was purchased as a plan with Verizon in 2012. Putnam stated since the Town now has municipal building Wi-Fi there is no need to continue the MiFi plan with Verizon. The plan will be cancelled effective immediately.

In addition, Supervisor LeRoy discussed with Putnam the recent order request for a refrigerator downstairs in the court offices. The refrigerator the Court was looking at purchasing was well over $500.00. Supervisor LeRoy showed Putnam comparable products at a much lower rate. Putnam stated he will look into the refrigerators LeRoy found at a reduced price. Putnam shared that Michelle Dolan, Court Clerk checked pricing only on the Quill or Staples online site because she did not know there was another option she could purchase the refrigerator from.

Putnam discussed with the Board that NY State no longer will pay for Court equipment or give local Courts grants to help defray the cost of the equipment needed by the State. Councilperson LeRoy asked Putnam if the equipment line in the court budget could be decreased. Putnam stated it could not be decreased because of the likelihood of them needing to purchase equipment in 2019.

Councilperson David LeRoy and the Board stated the wages for the Historian should be increased to reflect a 2% raise. In addition, all elected officials will reflect a 2% raise across the table for 2019. Non-Elected /Non-Union employee wages will increase accordingly to the HR Consultant wage schedule provided in 2018.

The Board stated the contractual budget for the Town Court for 2019 will decrease from $14,000.00 in 2018 to $9,000.00. The Elections line item will be $6,000.00.

The Board decided to table the 2019 Recreation Budget decisions pending further discussions at a future budget meeting.

A motion by Councilperson Don Ross to adjourn the Budget Workshop/Special Board Meeting was seconded by Councilperson Scott Johnson. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Supervisor LeRoy, aye; Councilperson David LeRoy, aye; Quinn, aye; Ross, aye; and Johnson, aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Recording Secretary,

Lori K. Diver

Sodus Town Clerk, RMC