

September 24, 2020

September 10, 2020 Town Board meeting was adjourned to September 24, 2020.

Minutes of the meeting being reconvened September 24, 2020 at 10am at the Town Hall for discussion of the 2021 Tentative Budget.

Present were LaVerne Phelps, William Collier, Eugene Unwin, David Silvernail and Joe Doan; Catherine Edwards was absent.

General discussion concerning 'Budget Summary' which proposed a 3cent increase for 2021:

- Unwin would like to see no increase for 2021
- Phelps stated County will be reducing sales tax to the Town by 3% in 2022; have received this year \$9,000 less than a year ago to date; received \$34,000 this month which is \$4,000 less than last year for this time frame
- Collier stated we need at least \$37,000 per month
- Phelps spoke with Hoover who says sales tax down 10% this year (\$45,000 - \$48,000) for the County
- Silvernail stated what is budgeted does not mean need to spend it
- Phelps stated we never spend all that is in budget
- Unwin stated need to reverse budget modification done in July (resolution 20-69) for CHIPS now that we know State is reducing by 20%; will show as a surplus if left in which is money we did not receive
- Collier stated will have to address this 20% reduction; will discuss later
- Collier questioned Sales Tax Revenue of \$500,000
- Phelps stating it is all a gamble; hoping the economy will come back

General Fund discussion:

- Discussion concerning Court Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk budget amount; again, hourly wage and does not spend it all but is there if needed
- Collier has no problem with Accountant requesting \$100 towards equipment
- Unwin stated he is on contract so this is a business therefore, we do not pay for his equipment
- Phelps stated he can write equipment expense off his tax return

General discussion paying down debt

General discussion concerning 'Mortgage Tax' increase; lot of refinancing going on due to 0% interest; house sales are up; Revenue should increase with Spectrum, refinancing, house sales, pipeline (\$345,000); NYS Maintenance Aid is grant for salt shed

- Unwin questioned why can't we reduce budget by \$5,000 to get to zero increase
- Phelps stated we have been under the Tax Cap for a few years now; still have \$6,000 left in Building Maintenance Grant; can move \$5,000 from General to Highway; will inform Accountant; therefore, we will have zero increase for 2021 Property Tax

General discussion concerning insurance on old town hall:

- Phelps stated insured for \$400,000 at \$836 per year
- Collier stated leave power on; drop insurance to \$50,000

- Unwin stated take insurance off completely
- Doan stated will be emptying the building out during the winter
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- Phelps stated will check to see what is needed

Shared Service with Chemung County discussion:

Motion for Resolution 20-81 made by Collier; 2nd by Silvernail to grant permission to Supervisor Phelps to enter into agreement with Chemung County for Shared Services, which include: Building & Grounds, DPW and IT Services at a minimal cost.

CARRIED: ALL

Health Insurance discussion:

- Phelps stated after speaking with other insurance agents it is recommended we stay with the current coverage plan
- Concerning offering insurance to domestic partners; it is the consensus of all present not to offer insurance to domestic partners at this time

Motion to adjourn made by Collier; 2nd by Unwin at 11:15am.