**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Public Hearing-Month End-Special Town Board Meeting commencing at 4:30 PM; located in the upstairs meeting room 14-16 Mill St. Sodus, NY 14551 on October 28, 2021.

All meetings are open to the public.

Present: Scott Johnson, Supervisor

David LeRoy, Councilperson/Deputy Supervisor

Don Ross, Councilperson

Chris Tertinek, Councilperson

Cathy Willmott, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Lori Diver, Sodus Town Clerk-RMC

Absent: N/A

Others Present: Bree Crandell, Confidential Supervisor Clerk

Dale Pickering, Highway Superintendent

Casey Carpenter, Times of Wayne County

Kim Leonard, Audit Budget Clerk

Ken Eastley, Wallington Fire Department

Ervina Donovan, T/Sodus Resident

Frank Fava, T/Sodus Resident

**Roll Call:**

Supervisor Johnson, Councilperson LeRoy, Councilperson Ross, Councilperson Tertinek,

Councilperson Willmott all were present.

Town Supervisor Scott Johnson called the meeting to order commencing at 4:30 PM.

**Public Hearing 4:30 PM:**

Councilperson David LeRoy motioned to open the Public Hearing at 4:31 PM was seconded by Councilperson Don Ross. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott, aye. Motion carried.

Lori Diver read the Public Hearing legal notice as follows:

**TOWN OF SODUS**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

***PUBLIC HEARING FOR:***

***THE “2022 PRELIMINARY TOWN OF SODUS BUDGET”***

***AND***

***IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING:***

***SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING***

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Sodus , New York, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Sodus where it is available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours; and

**FURTHER NOTICE,** is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Sodus will meet to review said budget and hold a Public Hearing on Thursday October 28, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sodus Town Hall, 14-16 Mill Street, Sodus, NY 14551, at which time and place any persons may be heard in favor or against any items therein contained; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following officers are hereby specified as follows:

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|  |  |  |  | **ELECTED** | **ELECTED** | **TAX COLLECTION** | **VITAL REGISTER** | **GRAND** |
| **ELECTED OFFICALS** | |  | **#** | **EACH** | **TITLE** | **CODES** | **CODES** | **TOTAL** |
| **TOWN BOARD** | |  | 4 | 5750 | 23000 |  |  | **23000** |
| **TOWN JUSTICES** | |  | 2 | 27000 | 54000 |  |  | **54000** |
| **TOWN SUPERVISOR** | |  | 1 | 29745 | 29745 |  |  | **29745** |
| **TOWN CLERK** | |  | 1 | 45046 | 45046 | 1639 | 3277 | **49962** |
| **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT** | | | 1 | 62889 | 62889 |  |  | **62889** |

The Sodus Town Board will then meet for a Special Board Meeting immediately following the Public Hearing to review and propose adoption of the 2022 Town of Sodus Preliminary Budget into the 2022 Adopted Town of Sodus Budget.

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Date: October 14, 2021

By Order of the Sodus Town Board,

Lori Diver

Sodus Town Clerk, RMC

Supervisor Johnson opened the public hearing for public comments.

Fire Commissioner Ken Eastley discussed and reviewed with the Sodus Town Board the Wallington Fire District annual 2022 budget. They are asking for a $1,000.00 increase from the Town Board.

Councilperson Don Ross motioned to accept the Wallington Fire District’s budget and increase the Rural Fire Protection from $38,100.00 to $39,100.00 was seconded by Councilperson David LeRoy. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott, aye. Motion carried.

Ervina Donovan from the public asked several questions regarding the budget. Donovan asked the Board where the money is in the budget for the American Rescue Plan. It was explained that the money is separate from the budget. The Town of Sodus has not used the $178,000.00 received for 2021. The Town currently does not have a public plan on what they will be spending the money on. This is under review.

Donovan discussed with the Board about the insurance on the highway barn before the fire. It was explained the Town’s insurance at that time was under coverage given the expenses to rebuild, buy new trucks and equipment regarding the fire. The Town has changed insurance and now is covered at a higher rate to reflect the actual coverage in case of any damage in the future.

Donovan wanted to know why the salt barn has not been built yet. It was explained that the new build of the highway barn has slowed down the process of getting a new salt barn.

Donovan asked about the Town’s fund balance and if the insurance company has claimed what caused the highway barn fire. It was explained that this information is currently being handled by the insurance company and our Town Attorney.

Hearing no further comments, Councilperson Don Ross motioned to close the public hearing at 5:14 PM was seconded by Councilperson Chris Tertinek. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET –ADOPTED BUDGET**

**(09 10-2021)**

Supervisor Scott Johnson offered the following resolution for its adoption,

**RESOLVED**, the Sodus Town Board motioned to adopt the 2022 Preliminary Budget into the 2022 Adopted Budget with amendments as follows, and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** the amendments are:

Wallington Fire District change the amount from SF3-5031 38,100 to 39,100

Alton Fire District change the amount from SF4-5031 38,100 to 37,100

*Note: Both changes reflect Wallington Fire District and Alton Fire District’s Annual Budget submitted to the Town of Sodus.*

Councilperson Cathy Willmott motioned adopt this resolution was seconded by Councilperson David LeRoy. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott, aye. Resolution Adopted.

***ABSTRACT***

***RESOLUTION TO PAY ABSTRACT No. 21***

***(10 10-2021)***

**WHEREAS,** the following bills were presented for payment on Abstract 21:

General 460-478 $ 9,851.68

Highway 246-255 $ 65,223.67

Trust & Agency 057-058 $ 1.081.14

**GRAND TOTAL: $ 76,156.49**

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, Councilperson Don Ross motioned to approve payment of these bills as reviewed for Abstract No. 21, which was seconded by Councilperson Cathy Willmott. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott, aye. Resolution Adopted.

Highway Superintendent Dale Pickering discussed with the Town Board that he is going to be purchasing a brush chopper in the amount of $4,200.00. He wanted to let the Board know in case anyone had questions. The Board was in approval of purchasing the brush chopper.

Pickering stated that the Fall Dump Days went very smooth. There was a steady line but, not overwhelming with backed up vehicles.

Supervisor Scott Johnson and the Town Board went over additional insurance coverage items with our current insurance company. They selected certain additions with premium changes and deselected certain areas as well.

Councilperson Don Ross motioned to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilperson Cathy Willmott. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, aye; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Cathy Willmott, aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

Recording Secretary,

Lori K. Diver

Sodus Town Clerk, RMC