**MINUTES**

Budget Workshop Meeting commencing at 9:30 AM held September 9, 2024 14-16 Mill St. Sodus, NY 14551 in the upstairs meeting room.

All meetings are open to the public.

Present: Scott Johnson, Supervisor (arrived at 12:20 PM)

Don Ross, Councilperson

Chris Tertinek, Councilperson

Dale Pickering, Councilperson

Absent: David LeRoy, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Lori Diver, Sodus Town Clerk

(Lori Diver absent from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)

Bree Crandell, Supervisor Clerk (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)

Others Present: Bree Crandell, Supervisor Clerk

Susie Jacobs, Facetime

Cathy Willmott, T/Sodus Planning Board Member

Andrea Vermeulen, Rural Baptist Cemetery

Wayne Vermeulen, Rural Baptist Cemtery

Sal Vittozzi, Camp Beechwood

Tom LaFontaine, Alton Fire Dept.

Fred Burkhard, Wallington Fire Dept.

Chris Graham, Wallington Fire Dept.

Allan Davidson, American Legion-Sodus

Jim Miller, Wallington Schoolhouse

Martha Miller, Wallington Schoolhouse

Matt Scott, Chief of V/Sodus Fire Dept.

9:30 AM

The meeting opened at 9:30 AM with Andrea and Wayne Vermeulen discussing the Rural Baptist Cemetery’s progress throughout the year and the 2025 budget requested. So far, the Vermeulen’s have saved $16,276.00 for roof repair on the church. It is a specialized roof repair given it is a historical building and the roof is slate.

10:00 AM

Sal Vittozzi discussed Camp Beechwood’s budget. There was discussion on using ARPA funds for house repairs on the caretaker’s house which included replacement of the basement Bilko door, knocking the chimney down and finishing the replacement of the basement windows.

10:30 AM

Tom LaFontaine Chairman for the Alton Fire Commissioners discussed the 2025 Alton Fire District Budget. Lafontaine presented the board with the Alton Fire District budget. Tom stated they do not have a district tax increase for 2025. It was proposed by the Sodus Town Board to raise the tax to help with expenses. There was lengthy discussion on the possibility of OSHA changing NY laws for all fire departments. This would make it nearly impossible for the small fire departments to continue with the new mandates they are proposing.

11:00 AM

Chris Graham and Fred Burkhard presented the Sodus Town Board with the Wallington Fire District 2025 Budget. They are proposing to increase the 2025 district tax by $500.00. They need 2 new sets of turnout gear for the fireman. Wallington discussed with the Sodus Town Board the new proposed OSHA requirements for existing fire departments.

11:30 AM

Alan Davidson with FB Vershoot Memorial Post presented the Town Board with a work order on the American Legion building from Lagan Heating. A/C. Plumbing in the amount of $7,633.00. The legion paid $4,000.00 for the work. He is asking the Town for additional funding to help with the cost.

12:00 PM

(Bree Crandell – Minutes)

Jim and Martha Miller from the Wallington Schoolhouse discussed the 2025 Wallington Schoolhouse budget.

12:30 PM

(Bree Crandell-Minutes)

Matt Scott, Chief of the Village of Sodus Fire Department discussed the 2025 proposed budget.

Motion by Councilmember Dale Pickering to enter Executive Session regarding medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or relating to appointment promotion demotion discipline or removal was seconded by Councilmember Chris Tertinek. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, absent; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Dale Pickering; aye. Motion carried.

Time 12:44 PM

Motion by Councilmember Don Ross to exit out of Executive Session and to enter Regular Session was seconded by Councilmember Chris Tertinek. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, absent; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Dale Pickering; aye. Motion carried.

Time 12:54 PM

Motion by Councilmember Dale Pickering to adjourn budget meeting was seconded by Councilmember Chris Tertinek. Upon roll call the following votes were heard, Scott Johnson, aye; David LeRoy, absent; Don Ross, aye; Chris Tertinek, aye; and Dale Pickering; aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned Time: 1:15 PM

Minutes written by:

Lori Diver   
Sodus Town Clerk, RMC

Bree Crandell,   
Supervisor Clerk