TOWN OF ROSEBOOM

 Public Hearing on 2021 Budget

**November 5, 2020**

The Public Hearing regarding the 2021 Budget was held on November 5, 2020. Supervisor Gustafson called the public hearing to order at 6:34 pm.

**PRESENT**: Councilperson’s Curtis VanDewerker, Steve Gridley, Allegra Schecter and Charles Diamond. Supervisor Patti Gustafson. Highway Superintendent Dan Gage.

**Absent/Excused:** None

**VISITORS LISTING:** Attachment #1

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

* The Town Board discussed and reviewed the 2021 Budget. A preliminary budget was completed, filed with the town clerk, was available for public inspection. A notice regarding this hearing was posted in the paper, on the website and on the town bulletin board.
* The Budget will increase by 6.32% or $21,293.00. $16,035 over the tax cap limit, requiring the passing of a resolution for the tax cap override. The biggest impact is the Fire District Budget.
* The Town Board discussed the budget in detail.
* **Fire District Budget:** the Cherry Valley Fire District informed the Town Supervisor that the share for Roseboom will increase from $9,000 to $14,500 for CY 2020; increase from $14,500 to **$20,750** for CY2021 based on an auditor report. The CVFD was not equitably charging the Towns for fire calls. Overall, the Town of Roseboom’s annual budget will need to reflect a Fire District Budget of $25,000. To reach this figure, the CVFD will work with the Town over a three-year period to build this into the annual budget process. Please note that: a fire district can levy taxes and incur debt without the approval from any other governmental entity. It is responsible for adopting an annual budget - subject to certain expenditure limitations - after a public hearing. Once approved, the district's budget is filed with the Town or Towns in which the Fire District is located; the Town Board cannot change a fire district budget. As a rule, the Town must attach the fire district budget to its own budget and submit them both to the county. The county then levies the fire district tax, and the tax is collected by the Town and turned over to the fire district.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

* none

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNMENT**:

* A **MOTION** to adjourn the Public Hearing regarding the 2021 Budget was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter. All were in favor. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seeley

Town Clerk/Collector

Note: See Town Board Meeting Minutes (November 5, 2020) for MOTION to approve.