

October 20, 2011

Schultzville, NY

A workshop meeting was held on this day in the Clinton Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Jeff Burns and Councilmen Dean Michael, Frank Venezia, Dan Budd and Mike Appolonia. Also present was Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were audience member.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 7:00 PM, Supervisor Burns called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS

Supervisor Burns explained that this is a Town Board Workshop on the General Fund and Related Capital Projects budget in preparation of the 2012 Budget.

Supervisor Burns discussed the general fund expense budget by line item.

The following changes were discussed:

- Tax collector shows an increase in the programming cost so taxpayers can view their tax information online, a new service. The Board members questioned this cost.
- Town Attorney cost: Councilman Venezia would like to look at the tax certiorari situation to reduce cost on this line.
- Building department activity has dropped off 30 percent in the past year so their hours have been reduced. The data entry position is eliminated. The overall budget is reduced by \$20,000.
- The Records Management Clerk position is eliminated.
- The funding for the vital statistics deputy position is eliminated.
- Recreation sees an increase in the cost of seasonal maintenance – in 2011 the Recreation and Highway shared a part time jobber, it was included in the highway budget. It did not work well. For 2012 the Rec budget will show the part time maintenance worker. Councilman Venezia asked who will supervising this worker? Supervisor Burns said he will be supervised by Dan Harkenrider and he will use the mower purchased by the Rec dept. The Board members believe that the jobber can't be supervised by the Rec Director who has a full time job. Supervisor Burns will go back to Highway Superintendent Tompkins and Dan Harkenrider to reopen the discussion.

- Open space -we have an \$8000 obligation to fund the open space grant.
- Longevity payment - increased to \$12,000; the Board members considered whether to fund it in 2012.
- The Board members discussed the Fire District budgets.

Councilman Venezia expressed his concern about cutting staff and that services may suffer. He is particularly concerned about the Town Clerk's, the Highway Department's and the Assessor's office hours. Supervisor Burns said Garth's hours are not cut, just his Clerk's.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51 PM, MM Supervisor Burns, 2nd Councilman Venezia that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol-Jean Mackin
Town Clerk