

October 6, 2016

**2017 Highway Budget Workshop**

Schultzville, NY

A workshop meeting was held on this day in the Clinton Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Oberly and Councilmen Eliot Werner, Councilman Michael, Councilwoman Cunningham and Councilman Appolonia. Also present was Town Clerk Carol Mackin. There was one audience member: Highway Superintendent Tompkins.

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

**BUSINESS**

- Supervisor Oberly explained that this is a Town Board Workshop on the Clinton Highway Fund and Related Capital Projects budget in preparation of the 2017 Budget.

**Expenses:**

Supervisor Oberly stated that the tentative budget shows no changes to the highway crew's salary as there is no new contract. Councilman Michael suggested we put a worst case scenario increase in the highway salary line to show some increase because that number will be coming soon as we are in contract negotiations. Supervisor Oberly desired to leave it at the current level until we have more information, but as suggested by Councilman Michael, Supervisor Oberly will increase the highway pay by 4 percent so it shows in the 2017 budget for a more realistic number.

Councilman Michael noticed a discrepancy in the salary budget line item. Supervisor Oberly said it is because we took out the deputy highway superintendent position and we added the part time rec person to the highway budget.

5110.4 increased from \$114,232 to \$120,832, due to calcium and gravel cost increases. Highway Superintendent Tompkins said we had a lot of complaints on dusty roads and we put down more calcium and gravel.

Supervisor Oberly increased hospitalization by 10%. The HRA money in the 2016 budget will be spent so our total cost of health insurance for the deductible is virtually the same as the previous plan.

Councilman Michael asked about retirement. Said the state's bonds are coming up for renewal and the return is not expected to be as good. Supervisor Oberly said we got our cost for 2017 so we know what it will be.

**Revenue**

Supervisor Oberly reviewed the revenue by line item. Increased the unexpended balance by \$40,000 from \$80,000 to \$120,000.

Councilman Michael asked Highway Superintendent Tompkins about equipment. Councilwoman Cunningham discussed the equipment and her concerns about many issues regarding certain trucks. She proposed to buy a new plow 4 wheel drive sander dump truck for \$175,000. We have \$260,000 in CHIPS money which is enough to cover the cost of the truck and the road work planned. She has safety concerns for the current trucks we have, including the noise level in the cab. Highway Superintendent Tompkins said there are no roads of critical concern and he plans to oil and stone next year. Councilman Michael thinks it is important to purchase the truck to replace the 20 year old ones that we have. Highway Superintendent Tompkins feels it is important to stay on a system of replacing trucks or we may get a big unexpected hit.

The sander will be new stainless steel 10 ft. model.

\$90,000 will be left in CHIPS after the truck purchase. Highway Superintendent Tompkins thinks he can get 3 more years without a new truck, but a regular purchase calendar is the best way to maintain your fleet. Highway Superintendent Tompkins needs to confirm it is a 4 wheel drive truck, not a 2 wheel drive. Councilman Michael would like to see a plan that replaces trucks every 2 years.

### **Salary**

On the salary, Highway Superintendent Tompkins requests his clerk be at \$13.00 per hour. She is computer literate and handles the entire payroll and Chips reimbursements. He does not want a raise. By consensus the highway clerk hourly pay will be \$13.00 per hour without causing the highway superintendent to give up his raise.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol-Jean Mackin,  
Town Clerk