

October 20, 2016

Schultzville, NY

The Clinton Town Board met on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Ray Oberly and Councilpersons Michael Appolonia, Dean Michael, Eliot Werner and Councilwoman Nancy Cunningham. Town Clerk Carol Mackin was also present. There were no people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BUSINESS

1. Preliminary Budget

Supervisor Oberly explained the purpose for the meeting. The following items were discussed:

Ray Oberly discussed the analysis of the changes he made based on the last workshop meetings. The absolute rate now is increased by 6%. At 3 %, we can only have a \$15,618 increase in expenses.

Regarding the decreases, Dean said he proposed a phone system through the internet with no cost for hardware. If there were costs they would be about \$3000. He feels we can cut the phone budget by \$5000. Ray talked to other towns and the company is troublesome for them. Dean said there are other companies out there with the service also.

Dean feels the library facia cost is high at \$11,000. The Board agreed to leave the amount there.

Eliot wants to remove the longevity payment. Ray disagrees. Nancy thinks the time is wrong for a longevity bonus. Dean agrees, the employees are already getting 2 percent raise. Maybe in the future when we receive more of the sales tax revenue with renegotiation. Longevity; the board decides to take it out of budget 3 to 2, with Eliot and Ray saying leave it in.

Dean wants to grow the budget at 2 percent as his goal. Nancy agrees that a 6 percent increase is not acceptable. Dean said he heard the people several years ago who said they would rather see the town close then have an increase over 2 percent. By consensus the Board agreed to aim for 2 percent increase

Eliot asked about the unexpended balance. Ray and Dean feel we need \$450,000 to cover the bills at the beginning of the year.

Eliot asks to look to shave anything from the highway dept: sand and salt. Dean does not agree to shave here and asks, what do we do if we are caught short? The leftover sand and salt from last year was factored in to the amount we need to purchase next year. Dean said Theron has kept a good budget.

Library support, the Board agreed to remove the \$2000, with Eliot disagreeing.

Deputy tax collector - Dean is concerned about the tax collector working at home. Mike would like to see the business established here on the campus. Nancy wants to look at automating the office, decrease the hours worked and bring it back to the town hall. Dean wants the automating process. The Town Clerk said she needs the assistant to stay current with the statutory requirements of the job. Nancy said we should insist she automate the tax collector office. Nancy agrees to the clerk this year but next year we should have a plan to automate the office and bring it to the campus. Leave the clerk total in for \$1300 and ask the Tax Collector for a plan to automate and bring office back to the town. All agreed to the \$1300 except for Dean. Nancy will follow up with colleen to communicate this to her

Highway wages go from a 5 percent increase to a 3 percent increase, projected at this point as a contract has not been signed, to a total of \$11,246.

Additional Building clerk, it was agreed Arlene will supervise the new clerk who will have 8 hours per week. Mike does not feel that this would solve the problem. It seems that Arlene wants an increase in a salary. Ray pointed out that making her more than 30 hours would be a full time job with all benefits. Eliot feels this could solve the problem. Eliot said someone needs to talk to Arlene to explain how the situation will go forward. Eliot will be the chosen person.

MOTION TO APPROVE Preliminary budget

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Appolonia to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the 2017 Preliminary Budget as amended and will hold a public hearing on said budget on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton Town Hall. All aye except Dean Michael who said nay, Motion carried.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:00 PM, MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to go into executive session to discuss the CSEA negotiations and personal matters. All aye. Motion carried.

At 9:00 PM, MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michael to return to the regular order of business. All aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Appolonia to adjourn the meeting. All aye. Motion carried the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol- Jean Mackin

Town Clerk