Highway Budget Workshop

A workshop meeting was held on this day in the Clinton Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Oberly and, Michael, Whitton, Councilwoman Cunningham and Town Clerk Carol Mackin and Highway Superintendent Todd Martin. Councilmen Juliano arrived at 6:45 pm. There was one audience member.

At 6:30 PM, Supervisor Oberly called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Oberly reviewed the summary of the 2022 tentative budget discussing the surplus funds, which was used for the increases in the bills this year, leaving the 2022 budget \$400,000 over 2021 budget. We had a lot of surplus last year which helped us with expenses this year.

Councilman Whitton said using some of the surplus to balance the budget would leave us at the high end of the surplus allowable according to the Fund Balance Policy; he feels comfortable using funds from the fund balance; Ray Oberly likes a balance to cover all of the bills in the first three months of the new year, when we are collecting the taxes. Mike Whitton spoke to the Tax Collector who will transfer funds collected on a weekly basis rather than a lump sum to keep the cash flowing. The Board agreed to use another \$100,000 of the fund balance to offset the \$400,000 overage.

The board discussed the Highway budget. The payroll is generated from the contract.

Other discussion, in general:

- Petroleum based products increased.
- The Board agreed to let ARPA can pay for culvert pipes, not town taxes as water and drainage issues qualify for those funds.
- - \$7000 culvert pipes, ARPA funds for this.
- - \$4000 from stone, stone will be used with culvert pipes, so we will use ARPA funds
- Machinery maintenance major repair at \$90,000 and maintenance at \$55,000, Todd suggests we don't change them.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:22 PM, MM Supervisor Oberly, 2nd Councilman Michel to adjourn the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol-Jean Mackin,

Town Clerk