

October 24, 2013
2014 Budget Hearing
7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Lynn Parnell and Norman Gates

Absent: David Deuel and Frank Rose Jr.

Others: Tom Baldwin (Baldwin Business Services), Patricia Gardner and Carl Peter

Supervisor Deming opened the Budget Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

PURPOSE

Supervisor Deming stated the purpose of said hearing is to present the 2014 Preliminary Budget and to receive public comment and questions on it.

Mr. Deming introduced Tom Baldwin of Baldwin Business Services, the Town's Accounting Firm, to review the budget prepared. Mr. Baldwin explained the Board's intentions to remain under the 2% tax cap if possible. The Town General Fund Appropriations for 2013 totaled \$492,000.00, and proposed for 2014 increased slightly to \$494,000.00. The increase is due to State retirement figures and upcoming Zoning work slated. Mr. Baldwin commented over the past few years the Town has benefited from a comfortable fund balance, but with the continued increases, the balances are much smaller. Mr. Baldwin conveyed once again the Board's desire to remain under the 2% tax cap and what has been prepared accomplishes that. Mr. Baldwin summarized the districts, their balances and how they will be affected in the coming year. The Highway will benefit from CHIPS Funding once again, previously receiving \$100,000.00, now for 2014 and 2015 will receive an additional \$30,000.00, totaling \$130,000.00.

Retirement will remain the same for the Highway Department, but medical will be increasing by 18%. Special Use Districts (Fire & Lighting) will remain constant. Supervisor Deming stated the Board discussed the possibility of rolling the lighting district into the General Fund, but decided to wait until after the first of the year. Mr. Deming commented he hopes to have a Public Hearing sometime in early 2014 to outline the proposed movement of the lighting district. The Consolidated Water District will not have any increases. The large expenditure in 2013 was the 1.5 million dollar bond, so 2014 will be comparable to 2012. York Sewer Districts #1 and #2 and Retsof Sewer will not see increases for 2014. Mr. Baldwin stated that revenues have been a bit understated in these districts, we will see more detailed figures for 2014. Mr. Baldwin stated that the Town tax rate for 2013 was \$4.19, and will be \$4.25 for 2014. Based upon an average assessed home of \$114,000.00, the proposed rate increase will cost that individual \$7.00 more in the coming year. As stated previously, we are under the tax cap, so we will not need to override the cap for 2014. Mr. Baldwin reported

that 16 Towns are overriding the 2% cap in 2014. Supervisor Deming commented as the years proceed it will be extremely difficult to stay under the cap, we are stretching the fund balance as far as possible without putting the Town in a financial burden. Mr. Deming added that a 2% wage increase has been proposed for most employees.

Mr. Peter discussed with the Board Fire Protection portions of the budget. Currently "Judgment and Claims" listed is correct in the budget, but the Board also posted a \$6,000.00 amount under the "Fire Protection District" as well, totaling \$178,684.00 Mr. Peter stated although the Fire Department would welcome additional funds, the contract agreed upon states that they should be receiving \$172,684.00, the remaining \$6,000.00 is separate for County ambulance services. Mr. Deming stated that the \$6,000.00 figure is for County ambulance services, as they have now finally billed us. Mr. Peter added the County ambulance will be moving from the Retsof Fire Hall site to the Cuylerville location.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to close the Budget Hearing at 7:20 p.m. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

Regular Town Board Meeting
October 24, 2013
7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Lynn Parnell and Norman Gates

Absent: Frank Rose Jr. and David Deuel

Others: Patricia Gardner and Carl Peter (Zoning and Code Officer)

Supervisor Deming opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and invited Councilman Gates to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the October 10th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Mr. Worden submitted his report to Clerk Harris earlier today:

The trucks are set up for sanding and salting in anticipation of the change in weather conditions. The Town has a great deal of salt on hand.

Livingston County Highway Department will be erecting a guardrail on their bridge located on River Road. We have been asked to assist them with this process and will be paid accordingly for it.

We had to replace the exhaust manifold on the 966 Cat Loader. Parts were purchased through Caledonia Diesel, but the Town crew did the work.

We had planned on removing the flags, but remembered that Veteran's Day is November 11th, so flags will be taken down thereafter.

WATER/SEWER REPORT

There are five (5) more residents to speak with regarding the Rt. 63 Water main Restoration project. Mr. Grant has been diligently going door to door and making necessary calls to touch base with all homeowners on Genesee Street within the project area. Mr. Worden and Contractor, Mr. Morsch will be meeting next week in the evening hours, with residents who have outstanding issues with the work conducted and an eventual resolve.

David Russo, owner of the old Greigsville Equipment property (3678 Main Street) spoke with Mr. Worden about obtaining a sewer permit for the location. Mr. Worden informed him to see Clerk Harris about the permit, and now asks the Board if an oil separator should be required for the property.

**Clerk Harris stated Mr. Russo was in the office this morning to obtain a sewer permit application. He completed one form but two connections will take place because of multiple structures on the site. (Same tax map number for 3678 & 3670 Main Street and 2519 Genesee Street).

The Board discussed the comment made by Highway Superintendent Worden regarding the Russo property at 3678 Main Street. Mr. Worden asked if an oil separator should be required for the property. After a brief discussion, the Board and Mr. Peter believed the thought process behind requiring an oil separator at the location was due to the number of buildings on site, and to make sure it was in place prior to any commercial business requests in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

1) 2014 Town Budget:

Supervisor Deming stated the Board conducted the 2014 Budget Hearing earlier this evening, with one correction to the Fire Protection line item. Clerk Harris stated, Councilman Rose contacted the office a few days ago to have his comments regarding the budget added to the minutes. Mr. Rose wanted the minutes to reflect his review and approval of the proposed 2014 Budget.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to approve the 2014 Town Budget, with one correction to the Fire Protection line item. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

2) AKZO Meeting:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that the meeting with AKZO and DEC at SUNY Geneseo has finally been scheduled. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 6th from 6:30-8:30 in Newton Hall on the SUNY Geneseo campus. Mr. Deming stated he was asked by Mr. D'Amato from DEC, to explain the Town of York's largest concerns pertaining to the Brine Plant eventual closure, unfortunately he has not had a return call from DEC to review such concerns. Supervisor Deming expressed shock in the fact that the fracking topic does not seem to be an issue with the surrounding public when speaking about the brine plant matter in Cuylerville. Mr. Deming stated closure of the plant itself is worrisome, but the possibility of that location being a fracking site is more frightening. Supervisor Deming added we had hoped previously that the State would protect us on environmental matters, we now see that we can not depend on it.

3) Cuzzo Waterline:

Clerk Harris reported at the January 17th Board Meeting this year the Board discussed the Joe Cuzzo water line matter and acceptance to turn the line over to the Town of Leicester for future billings. The property Mr. Cuzzo owns in the Town of York is vacant farmland which does not allow us permission to relevy unpaid charges to his tax bill. Supervisor Deming spoke with Leicester Supervisor, Lisa Semmel earlier this year about the situation and they agreed, by billing the Town of Leicester, they in turn will be able to bill Mr. Cuzzo directly and if any charges are unpaid they will be able to relevy.

Clerk Harris stated at this current time Mr. Cuzzo did not pay the January bill to the Town of York, so it was added to the April billing cycle. When we received the April, July and October payments from the Town of Leicester, all were paid minus the outstanding January amount. The amount owed to date totals \$692.09.

The Board briefly discussed the outstanding balance. Supervisor Deming stated he will speak with Supervisor Semmel once again about the bill, and commented if they are unable to work with us in a resolve, we may have to re-evaluate servicing them with water.

OTHER

1) Water Adjustment Policy:

Clerk Harris commented at the October 10th meeting, the Board discussed whether or not to put in place once again a Water Adjustment Policy or continue to proceed on a case by case basis. Clerk Harris notified several surrounding Towns and one Village to inquire if any have such a policy in place. Each of the municipalities expressed that they do not have a water adjustment policy to speak of, and have no immediate plans to change such format. Speaking with each Clerk, she realized the Town of York is probably one of the only Towns within the County that grant a water adjustment to their customers. Mrs. Harris added although we no longer have a policy on the books, she hopes the Board will consider continuing with their existing format.

After little discussion, the Board agreed to continue with water adjustment requests on a case by case basis.

2) Zoning Update:

Supervisor Deming reported that he spoke with Attorney Emborsky about obtaining the Final Zoning document from Kruk and Campbell for Board review. Mr. Emborsky stated he and Mr. Campbell made changes and recommendations, as per Board request and will submit by the next Town Board Meeting in order to then present to the public.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

- General Fund Claim #329-341 \$ 13,065.32
- Joint Water and Sewer #274-282 \$ 3,609.08
- Highway Fund Claim #163-170 \$ 5,888.55

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until November 7th. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

