

Budget Workshop to discuss 2019 Budget held October 30, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at the

Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.

Present:

Supervisor: Michael Marnell

Councilpersons: Meg Wood, Don Sage, Roger Friedman and Clara Phibbs

Deputy Town Clerk: Mary Egan

Budget Officer: Chris Stone

Also Present: Albert May and Ethan Thompson

Supervisor Marnell called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Councilman Sage had several questions about the budget:

BUDGET COMMENTS FOR 2019

1. Page 2, line 50; A1355.4. Is this the pay for Rich doing computer work? I thought we had switch to Jim Kowalka for this. If so, should we not be showing Jim under page 3, line 98; A1680.1? Is Rich still entitled to the \$5,000?
2. Page3, line 107; A1940.4. We had discussed purchasing the vacant lot across from Town Hall for the stormwater runoff project. Do we have an amount to put in here as estimated cost?
3. Page 5, line 166; A4068.4. Insect control is not needed. Reduce to \$0.00. Save \$18,000.00.
4. Page 5, line 174;A4540.0 Not needed for Ambulance. Are we using this line for some other purpose?
5. Page 5, line 182; A4989.1. Reduce to 2018 amount, \$29,000.00.
6. Page 7, line 228; A6410.4 Reduce to \$10,000.00. Require businesses and chamber to pick up this increase. Especially if we have to pick up parade and fireworks.
7. Page 7, line 259; A7110406. The tennis court project is finished. Are these funds for the hockey, ice rink?
8. Page 8, line 287; A7410.4. Building Elevator. Are we putting \$30,000.00 in here, so the library can share the cost? Or just where are the funds located?
9. Page 13, line 530; DA5110.1. Need to advertise and hire two new persons. Should try to get two with CDL licenses and start at Grade 4; \$15.33 per hour, with the 0.50 per hour raise after completion of the trail period. If no CDL, than at Grade 3; \$13.80 per hour. If they have CDL and experience, should be hired at Grade 5, \$16.87 per hour. \$0.50 raise after trail period. How does this compare with the two employees being replaced?
10. Page 16, line 650; SS8110.1. Hire an additional person interested in obtaining licensing as a sewer plant attendant, Grade 5, \$16.87 per hour. \$0.50 per hour raise after trail period and recommendation of Plant Operator. Interview Mr. Jenks and obtain documentation on whether he is still interested in switching to water on current Plant Operator's retirement. Line 659, SS8120.2. Add \$30,000.00 for equipment per Plant Operator's recommendation.
11. Page 17, line 725; SS2120. Increase sewer rates to \$325.00 per quarter. Line 726, SS2122. Set rate for sewer connection to system. Review and update Sewer Ordinance/ Law.
12. Page 18, line 762; SW8310.1. Prepare for hiring a new person and training in case Mr. Jenks decides he does not want to move to water. Probably at the Grade 4, \$15.33 per hour rate. Line 786; Order 50 more meters, to be installed in 2019. Review data for lines: 818, SW2140; 819, SWW2142; 820, SW2144; and 821, SW2148 for rates, charges updates.

Resolution #220 Raise for all Hourly Employees

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to give all hourly employees a \$.50 raise effected January 1, 2019, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

Highway Budget

Chris Stone stated that the Highway Budget would be going up \$30,000.00 (DA 5110.400)

Sewer Rates and Training

The Town Board stated they need to do something about Sewer Rates and schedule a Public Hearing. It was decided to raise the Sewer rate by \$65.00a quarter for a total of \$231.00 per unit per quarter or \$1100.00 a year per unit. The Board suggested that they put an ad in the paper stating they will raise it and that it has not been raised since 2007. Training for Water and Sewer could be two years. It was brought up to have one Chief overseeing the Water and Sewer Department and have Highway cross trained with a license. The board needs to find out what Billy Jenks wants to do and to let the Board know. The Board would like to combine the two, scheduling is an issue and maybe they could alternate schedules and a salary position rather then by the hour for the Department heads.

I, Mary Egan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct transcript from the minutes now on file in my office and of the whole such original minutes.

Dated: November 5. 2018 _____
Deputy Town Clerk