

**TOWN OF HECTOR
BUDGET WORKSHOP
October 3, 2017**

Members Present:

Alvin J. White, Supervisor
Michael Bergen, Councilman
William Preston, Councilman
Beverly Morley, Councilwoman
Justin Boyette, Councilman

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent
Keith Caslin Dale Walter
Jason Kelly Nathan Mayo
Bob Landon Mike Hicks
Jessica Rodgers Liz Martin

Absent: John White, Councilman

Called to order at 7:02pm by Supervisor A. White, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for the victims in the Las Vegas shooting.

Supervisor A. White presented the 2018 Tentative Budget; reviewed the 1.84% tax cap requirement; total levy allowed is \$2,358,933.

Mecklenburg Fire Company: Nathan Mayo, Fire Chief presented their request for \$132,000; 1.53% increase; 2018 will be the last payment of the truck; OSHA regulations may require a new structure for housing fire trucks; cannot park one truck behind the other.

Councilman Bergen asked if they have all the necessary radios for communication with Trumansburg Ambulance. They were able to secure radios from Tompkins County.

Valois Logan Hector Fire Company: Mike Hicks presented their request for a 4% increase to \$205,000; purchasing a new truck in 2018; PERMA increase of 10% also. Councilwoman Morley asked if would be a loan similar to Mecklenburg's; VLH will actually be leasing this one and will purchase for \$1.00 at the end of the lease.

Village of Burdett: Mayor Dale Walter reported that the monies budgeted in 2017 for the firehouse will not be paid until 2018; asked for a 3-year contract. Discussion: some in favor, others voiced concerns with unknowns; payments for the new firehouse; tax cap, etc. Contract \$155,982.32 for 2017 and \$121,570.44 firehouse payment.

Village of Odessa Fire Department: Requested a slight increase to \$11,058.00 for 2018

Village of Trumansburg Fire Department: Requested \$15,271.93 for 2018; a 15.67% increase; increase due to truck repairs and reserves; calculated based on 3 year average of calls.

Trumansburg Ambulance: Contract for 2018 - \$28,088.24; fund balance will reduce taxable to \$11,001.30

Mecklenburg Ambulance: The new District contract for 2018 will be \$43,212.68; revenues in fund balance will reduce taxable to \$39,665.14 or less.

RESOLUTION #108 – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to enter into Executive Session at 7:50pm for approximately 5 minutes to discuss a potential legal matter. Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #109 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by J. Boyette

Resolved to return from Executive Session at 7:56pm. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Water District: 2018 Tentative Budget reviewed line by line. Summary of appropriations and revenues reviewed; appropriated fund balance used is down slightly.

Water Rate Study shows we should raise rates approximately 3% per year. We could be looking at a well replacement in the next 3 years. Discussion of rates for higher usage, lodging, wineries, etc.

Master Meter reading system will need to be converted by the fall of 2018 to a web based system – estimated cost \$9,507.00.

Looking to put a service body on the 2017 pickup truck; pricing through Unicell in Rochester; should be able to get approximately \$1000 out of current box.

Another set of water meters is experiencing battery issues; we have 45 in stock; budgeting \$10,000 for meters in 2018.

Salaries for 2018 increased by the \$.45 per hour set by the Town Board with an additional \$1.00 per hour increase for Assistant Water Superintendent to bring him up to entry level position for the certification he has.

RFQ for test site drilling to be sent out; need to establish a new water source. Electric suppliers need to be reviewed; prices are dropping.

EDU's explained. Reserve Fund set up many years ago as a repair reserve; need to amend to set up a Capital Reserve fund; recommended by we increase the \$1.12 reserve fund fee by 3% for 2018.

Fund balance as of 8/31/17 is \$110,303. Discussion of past due water accounts and how to get payments regularly; re-levy process is only once a year; need some way to get people to pay all year long; no resolution determined.

Next meeting: October 4, 2017 – will start with Highway Fund.

Motion by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Morley to adjourn at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike
Clerk