

**TOWN OF HECTOR  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
October 11, 2018**

Members Present:

Alvin J. White, Supervisor  
William Preston, Councilman  
Robert Barton, Councilman  
Elizabeth Martin, Councilwoman  
Jessica Rodgers, Councilwoman  
Justin Boyette, Councilman

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk  
Randy Rapple, Highway Superintendent  
Richard Bump, Deputy Highway Supt.  
David Barber  
Carl Langenfeld

Called to order at 6:10pm by Supervisor A. White, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor A. White reported the status of debris cleanup along the lake after the August flash flooding. With a Federal FEMA designation, the SBA may have low interest loans for businesses and home owners affected by the flooding. Still looking into debris removal; difficulty finding contractors; may have to do an RFQ. Committee meetings moved to October 23 and October 25.

**Ag & Markets Dairy Farmland Protection Implementation Program:** David Barber requested a resolution of support from the Town for his application to the program.

**RESOLUTION #179** – offered by Martin, seconded by Preston

Authorization of the submission of this proposal to the Department of Agriculture and Markets

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets invites proposals for Round 16 Dairy Farmland Protection Implementation Projects; and

WHEREAS, New York State provides funding for the protection of valuable farmland through the Round 16 Dairy Farmland Protection Implementation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Land Trust has agreed to apply to the state program on behalf of the Barber Farm and to hold, monitor and enforce the conservation easement, should the project be funded; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Land Trust values the contributions and protection of agriculture in Schuyler County and recognizes the important opportunity the New York State Dairy Farmland Protection Implementation Program provides for farmers across the state;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is endorsed for funding by the county agricultural and farmland protection board and by the municipalities in which the proposed project is located;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Hector supports the submission of this proposal to the Department of Agriculture and Markets for the New York State Round 16 Dairy Farmland Protection Implementation Program. Ayes 6, Nays 0

**2019 Tentative Budget:**

**Highway Town Wide** Fund reviewed line by line. Discussion of split in Mechanic's line item between Town Wide and Part Town. Current mechanic is asking to go to an MEO position; we have advertised to fill the position of mechanic.

We are starting daily sheets for all the guys in order to figure out where actual hours worked should be allotted in the 2020 budget; looking to get a clearer picture for funding line items.

Equipment from Taxes: Old 1953's law caps the amount we can budget at \$60,000; can only change by Public Referendum in a Town Election year; deadline to get on ballot is in September.

Discussion of the amount of DA surplus remaining. Increase in snow removal OT hours discussed. Free salt from Cargill is available again; we still have to purchase a minimum of 3.4 of our 300-ton commitment on State Bid at \$51.46 per ton. Mirabito now has State Bid for fuel.

Health Insurance increase is at 5.7% overall. Property taxes and appropriated fund balances can be adjusted.

Revenues reviewed and discussed. Sale of equipment – there are some items to be declared as surplus later this year.

Highway Part Town: This equates to approximately 50% of our budget; OT hours increased; plow routes will be adjusted this year by adding a 6<sup>th</sup> truck to reduce trips to approximately 4 hours each.

Revenues, taxes, and fund balance explained. Sales tax in DB fund is in good shape. Total tax levy increase allowed for tax cap is \$97,000; currently over with increases in Fire budgets.

Salary line item request for Highway Superintendent discussed; also reviewed a request for a part-time secretary to assist with data entry, etc. This part-time person could be shared with the Supervisor in the future. Budget figures were submitted accordingly. A lap top for Secretary use was budgeted on equipment line. Carl Langenfeld asked if this would be someone new; response was yes.

Garage line items reviewed along with needs for radios, etc.

**Public Safety, Public Health:** Reviewed line by line.

A public hearing will be held October 24, 2108 by STREMS regarding our Certificate of Need.

Motion by Martin, seconded by White to adjourn at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk