

**TOWN OF HECTOR
BUDGET WORKSHOP
October 17, 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
Randy Rappleye, Highway Superintendent
Jessica Rodgers Liz Martin
Barb Kelley

Absent: John White, Councilman

Called to order at 7:02pm by Supervisor A. White, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor A. White explained a 2017 budget amendment needed to cover health insurance in the Highway Fund.

RESOLUTION #115 – offered by A. White, seconded by M. Bergen

Resolved to approve Journal Entry to transfer \$1186.11 from DB fund balance to DB9060.8 to cover shortage for health insurance billing. Ayes 5, Nays 0

General Town Wide (A): Budget expenditures and revenues reviewed; discussion of capital expenditures for computer replacements and a server; would like to purchase part of them in 2017 from surplus funds. Budgeted for a desk and further security for the Town Hall and Highway Garage. Fax machine will need replacing sometime in the next year.

Review of line item increases; \$427,000+ in General Town Wide fund balance; computers will be purchased with a 5-year replacement plan.

Assessment: still need to pursue the sharing of legal fees for defending assessments; currently the Town's foot the entire bill.

Elections: increased the 2018 budget for the possibility of a March and a September primary along with the General Election.

Records Management: Discussion of costs to restore the map that was donated to the Town. Clerk will research costs.

Insurance: 2-3% increase in premiums expected. Contingency line left at \$40,000; should be approximately 10% of budget.

Mecklenburg Ambulance: Public Hearing will be done by the State to finalize the formation of the District.

Salt Storage: We are waiting on grant information; have reserve funds and CHIPS monies that can be used.

Computers: We should ask the Hector Library if they would have any use for used machines.

Historian: Increased line for donation to Schuyler County Historical Society.

Recycling: Added \$2000 to the line item in preparation to possibly open up one evening per week; issue with no electric or lights in the building.

Revenues reviewed; use of fund balance should be no more than 35% of balance available.

General Part Town (B): Expenditures and Revenues reviewed.

Youth Program: No request was received from the Village of Watkins Glen; we were expecting some further information; nothing has been received.

Revenues discussed.

Tax levy and rates discussed. Current tentative budget with changes is under the tax cap.

Discussion at length of the need to hold public hearing to over-ride the tax cap as a precaution.

RESOLUTION #116 – offered by B. Preston, seconded by B. Morley

Resolved to set November 9, 2017 at 7:00pm for a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2017 Tax Cap Over-ride.

Discussion continued regarding the need or not; not planning changes at this point that would take budget over the tax cap

Roll Call Vote: B. Preston – Aye; J. Boyette – Aye; B. Morley – Aye; M. Bergen – Aye; A. White – Aye; J. White – absent
Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #117 – offered by M. Bergen, seconded by J. Boyette

Resolved to make the following one year fire contract numbers preliminary for 2018:

District #1 – Mecklenburg Volunteer Fire Company – \$132,000.00

District #1A – Village of Odessa Vol. Fire Department – \$11,058.00

District #1B – Valois Logan Hector Vol. Fire Company – \$215,000.00

District #1C – Village of Burdett Vol. Fire Department – \$277,552.76

District #1D – Village of Trumansburg Vol. Fire Co. – \$17,666.45

Further resolved to make the following one year ambulance contract numbers preliminary for 2018:

Trumansburg Ambulance District - \$28,088.24; Mecklenburg Ambulance District - \$43,212.68

Further resolved to make the 2018 Tentative Budget as amended the 2018 Preliminary Budget and set the Public Hearings for Fire, Ambulance and Budget for November 9, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Roll Call Vote: M. Bergen – Aye; A. White – Aye; B. Morley – Aye; J. Boyette – Aye; B. Preston – Aye; J. White – absent.
Ayes 5, Nays 0

The budget workshop schedule for October 19, 2017 is cancelled.

Motion by M. Bergen, seconded by B. Preston to adjourn at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike
Clerk