

**TOWN OF HECTOR
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
October 10, 2019**

Members Present:

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

Others:

Jane Ike, Clerk
Randy Rappleye, Highway Superintendent
Keith Caslin, Town Justice
Jason Santobianco, Code Enforcement

Called to order by Supervisor White at 1:05pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

JCAP grant: Judge Caslin requested authorization to submit a grant proposal for court room and office chairs and court room seal.

RESOLUTION #136 – offered by Boyette, seconded by Preston
Resolved that Town of Hector authorizes the Hector Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2019-2020 grant cycle up to \$7,140.00 Ayes 6, Nays 0

2020 Tentative Budget Review by Funds

General Fund Town-Wide

Supervisor White reviewed increased expenses in the General Fund; moving some Highway salaries to general fund to accurately cover where monies are being spent; addition to building reserve; added monies to fund a full time park manager; added to election expenses due to early voting and 2020 is a Presidential election; engineering and financial advisors for buildings; park equipment; docks for boat launch and swimming & office improvements.

Justice Court: Judge Caslin asked to add a \$3000 line item for an associate Justice to cover in absences; and increase to Bailiff line item due to bail reform. With the passing of Judge Jaynes, Judge Caslin asked that his 2019 salary be bumped up to \$12,500 as he is handling everything at this time. No objections from the board and Supervisor. Attorney Halpin is working on a resolution to eliminate one position.

General salary lines granted \$.50 per hour (\$1.040 annually) except for special requests. Electric costs with NexAmp discussed – need to check that we are getting the 10% guaranteed discount.

Discussion of what happens to unexpended line items; any monies not spent goes into fund balance at the end of the year.

Dog Control: Increased line items to cover enumeration expenses.

Smith Park: Increases for full-time manager; improvement to docks, office improvements, ice machine.

Recycling/Dumpster Day: Line increased for Highway personnel at over-time rates.

Water District Extension: New request; need estimates for map, plan and report.

Employee Benefits: Adjustments to social security and health & dental insurance; deductible going up to \$2750/\$5500.

Building Reserve: Added \$25,000

General Fund Town-Wide Expenditures, Revenues and needed fund balance: Discussion of lowering appropriated fund balance from \$100,000 to \$75,000; raises tax rate another three cents = \$.28 Looking at getting away from deficit budgeting.

General Part-Town: Supervisor White reviewed increases and changes to general Fund Part-Town. Reviewed General part-town tentative budget line by line.

Zoning commission: Discussed needs for advertising, public meetings; printing of draft proposal; refreshments at meetings; STC consulting contract extension.

LWRP and Comprehensive plan needs discussed.

Total appropriations reviewed – no taxes raised in B due to sales tax revenue.

Highway Town-Wide: Supervisor White reviewed increases and changes; no fund balance left at this time; adding to equipment reserves; changes in distribution of salaries; machinery; repairs; sub-meo positions hourly pay rate increase discussed. Adjustments made lower tax rate by about 1 cent. Highway town-wide revenues; grader & tractor surplus in 2020 and CHIPS equipment time discussed.

Tax Levy: Looking like levy will be \$147,941.58 over allowable increase to remain under tax cap.

Motion by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Preston to adjourn at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk