

**TOWN OF HECTOR
BUDGET WORKSHOP
October 4, 2016**

Members Present:

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

Others:

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk
David Patterson, Code Officer
Steve Crout Keith Caslin
Steve Williams Dale Walter
Pete Coats Bob Barton
Payton White

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

Supervisor A. White presented the 2017 Tentative budget; explained the projected increase in Health Insurance and the HAS deficit for 2016.

Mecklenburg Fire Company: Pete Coats reported the need for some new radios to communicate with Trumansburg for the Ambulance District; they will need one for a vehicle and 2 mobiles for communications; they are applying for grants to replace hoses; and may need to drill a well at the Fire House due to water issues. Pete expects that the Fire Company may come back with a better number after their meeting this week.

Supervisor A. White reported that PERMA has projected a 10% increase in premiums for 2017. Legal notices for Fire and Ambulance must be in the paper October 26; final numbers must be available by October 20th.

Village of Odessa Fire Department: Requested a minimal increase to \$10,949.00 for 2017

Valois Logan Hector Fire Company: Requested a 4% increase to \$205,000; purchasing a new truck in 2017; PERMA increase of 10% also. Councilwoman Morley asked if would be a loan similar to Mecklenburg's; VLH will actually be going to lease this one and will purchase for \$1.00 at the end of the lease.

Village of Burdett: Town Board made a prior commitment of support for the Fires House replacement; the addition of \$121,000 to the contract will force the Town to exceed the tax cap. Keith Caslin reported that the 2 public informational meetings were attended by approximately 83 people; no negative comments.

Village of Trumansburg Fire Department: Requested \$15,271.93 for 2017

Trumansburg Ambulance: Contract for 2017 - \$22,664.82; fund balance will reduce taxable to \$14,822.50

Mecklenburg Ambulance: The new District contract for 2017 will be \$47,205.01

General Part Town (B):

Sales tax share discussed; building permit fees discussed; raised considerably in 2015; attorney expenses are low to date.

Councilman Preston asked questions regarding the purpose of a permit; do not anticipate replacing vehicle in 2017; what happens if we need to replace it in 2017; are we replacing winter tires that were stolen. Supervisor A. White explained that fund balance could be used to replace a vehicle earlier than anticipated if absolutely necessary.

Salary lines for clerical work were discussed; currently the B part of the budget does not cover any of the time spent by the Town Clerk's Office for Code Enforcement paper work.

Registrar of Vital Statistics explained – line item is a wash; fees collected cover the remuneration for the position in accordance with New York State Department of Health regulations.

Revenues for 2016 appear to be behind schedule for 2016.

Requests for funding received from Environmental Emergency Services and Mercy Flight Central. After discussion, it was decided to leave out of the budget for now; will look at the requests before the budget is finalized.

Next meeting: October 6, 2016 – will start with Highway Fund.

Motion by B. Morley, seconded by J. White to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike
Clerk