

**TOWN OF HECTOR
BUDGET WORKSHOP
October 18, 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
Robert Stapleton, Water Superintendent
Barb Kelley
Nate Mayo, Mecklenburg Fire Company
Payton White 1 other person
Janine Bond (7:50pm)

Called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor A. White, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mecklenburg Fire Company: Chief Nate Mayo was present to review their request for a 10% increase for 2017. New ambulance district presents some issues regarding radios and communications as Trumansburg/Tompkins County is not on the same frequency as Schuyler. They will need 2 hand held units with battery and mic; spare battery; and one vehicle radio; all will need to be programmed; projected cost is near \$10,000.

Meeting OSHA regulations is a challenge annually; must update to Safety Data Sheets; have trucks parked in front of each other which may be an OSHA citation; have replaced the heating system in the fire house and now need to drill a well.

Councilman White asked if there were any grants to cover the radios. Nate indicated that there might be, but we must get them ordered to arrive in time to use January 1st 2017; they have applied for a Federal grant for \$89,000 to replace fire hoses. Councilman White offered to seek discretionary monies from legislators. Councilman Bergen asked if Trumansburg had any spare radios available; the answer is no.

Requesting \$130,000 for 2017; that puts the tax rate up 10 cents per 1000 of assessed value.

Supervisor A. White reported Mecklenburg Ambulance rate will be lower than projected as exemptions cannot be applied to special districts.

RESOLUTION #127 – offered by J. White, seconded by B. Morley

Resolved to make the following one year fire contract numbers preliminary for 2017:

District #1 – Mecklenburg Volunteer Fire Company – \$130,000.00

District #2 – Village of Odessa Vol. Fire Department – \$10,949.00

District #3 – Valois Logan Hector Vol. Fire Company – \$205,000.00

District #14 – Village of Burdett Vol. Fire Department – \$271,553.44

District #15 – Village of Trumansburg Vol. Fire Co. – \$15,271.93

And further resolved to set the Public Hearing for November 10, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Ayes 6, Nays 0

RESOLUTION #128 – offered by J. White, seconded by J. Boyette

Resolved to make the following one year ambulance contract numbers preliminary for 2017:

Trumansburg Ambulance District - \$22,664.82; Mecklenburg Ambulance District - \$47,205.01

And further resolved to set the Public Hearing for November 10, 2016 at 7:00pm following the Fire Protection Districts Public Hearing.

Ayes 6, Nays 0

Budget Amendment / Journal Entry: Supervisor A. White explained the need for a correction to the 2016 books and records for an expenditure in 2015 that was not corrected prior to the year being closed.

RESOLUTION #129 – offered by B. Preston, seconded by M. Bergen
Resolved to authorize the transfer of \$96.89 from General Part-town Fund Balance to B4020.4 to correct an error from 2015. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Water District: 2017 budget reviewed line by line.

Liability insurance numbers adjusted to reflect actual spent in 2016; discussion of amount to put in contingency; can be up to 10%.

Discussion of salary line for Billing Clerk who has been here 11 years; Highway guys on the low end were raised last year; billing clerk was not raised accordingly; has taken on over 160 additional customers with the addition of Burdett; line adjusted to add the 50 cents per hour annual raise and an addition 50 cents per hour to adjust salary to bring in line hourly.

Other personnel salary lines were combined. Raised SW8320.2 to \$10,000 for purchase of meters, etc. as may be needed. Anticipate purchasing a replacement truck on state bid at a price of \$31,255.01

Revenues reviewed; EDU's discussed; 7 properties at \$1.00 EDU as we cannot supply them with water.

As of 8/31/16 there is approximately \$75,000 unreserved fund balance in water.

General Fund: Reviewed line by line

Town Board salary has not been raised in many years; many more committee meetings now; current salary equates to \$7.00 per hour.

Court Bailiff line needs to be increased to accurately cover the true expense; increased to \$4000.

Supervisor's line raised some. Bookkeeper's and Smith Park's line adjusted, splitting the lines more fairly between the two. Budgeted for a printer for the Supervisor.

Insurance – numbers will be looked at again and may need adjusting as the tentative numbers look strange.

Highway Superintendent – Supervisor A. White recommended he be given the \$.50 per hour and an additional \$2000 to bring his salary in line to where it should be.

Park Property Upgrade line discussed; should roll over 12/2016 balance to reserves and consider rolling over 2016 excess revenues to reserves to set aside monies to replace the water system and create a general reserve for the park.

Adjourned at 9:50pm on a motion offered by B. Morley, seconded by B. Preston.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. V. Ike, Clerk