

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET-7 PM – September 18, 2014
Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran , Chad Whitney - Council Members
Clare Haynes - Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent

Others Present: Karen Ashley - Dog Control Officer
John Illingworth - Code Enforcement Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:00 pm Mr. Gilkey called the budget workshop to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2015 budget, possible wage increases and mileage questions.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Illingworth gave the board a memo and an updated budget worksheet. This included an increase to his contractual account A3620.4 of \$200.00 and a salary increase which in his memo states it is equivalent to the cost of living increase for the last two years and for 2015. Mr. Metzger asked about the equipment account which stayed at \$3,000.00 what equipment do you plan to purchase in 2015, Mr. Illingworth did not have anything specific in mind just the same figure as last year, you never know when a computer will need to be replaced. Mr. Moran questioned if it would be better to decrease this now and then if there is a problem use the contingency account.

Mr. Colesante asked how Mr. Illingworth does his mileage. When Mr. Illingworth starts work for the town that is when he starts his mileage. If on the way to the town hall he does an inspection he will start his mileage from that point. If he is at the town hall he will start mileage from there go to inspection or multiple inspection sites and return to town hall and end there. The exception is when he is going to training or to a meeting, he will start mileage from his home.

DOG CONTROL:

Ms. Ashley did not have a new budget sheet, but would like to put in for a raise. Has not had a raise for some time, whatever the increase in the cost of living would be fine.

Ms. Ashley spoke of her contractual account A3510.4 which is \$5,000.00 this could be decreased. Ms. Ashley usually uses about \$2,500.00 yearly with the exception of years that she does the enumeration which should be every 5 years.

When asked how she does her mileage Ms. Ashley responded that when she moved to Hastings the agreement was when she hits the town line her mileage starts at that point no matter where she enters the town. Ms. Ashley does not put in for mileage to attend the monthly town board meetings, but if it is necessary to attend court then she will once again start mileage from the town line. When on a stray dog call, she will try to find the owner - go to area houses to be sure the dog does not belong to a resident close to where the dog was found.

JUSTICE:

Mr. Pelon was going to be in attendance, he handed out comparison sheet along with new budget worksheet, not sure why did not stay. No increase was requested for their contractual account A1110.4 which is \$10,500.00. The budget worksheet for 2015 included raises to increase both justices from \$8,976.00 to \$10,000.00 and their clerks from \$7,300.00 to \$8,300.00.

More information will be requested from the Judges as to their mileage.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge gave all board members his 2015 annual budget package. There are no big road projects coming up for 2015. Holley Hole Road culverts will need to be fixed, a ball park figure for this project will be \$30,000.00 with engineering.

For 2015 a new pickup will be purchased and planning on replacing a snowplow in 2016.

Estimates received for adding video to the fire alarm system that is run by Time Warner, installation with cameras will be \$4,600.00. With an additional \$2,100.00 to expand the fire sensors into the new addition. The video will be housed at the highway department.

Fuel tank computer \$10,000.00 for the pump and the key fobs this will allow the fire department to be able to buy gas from the highway department.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2014. Mr. Wheeler the town Assessor and Mr. Lyle Robbins, Director for North Shore Ambulance will be in attendance at this budget meeting.

ADJOURN:

At 9:34 pm the meeting adjourned.