

TOWN OF CON.STANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET-7 PM – September 25, 2014
Constantia Town Hall

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

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:07 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.

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Metzger asked Mr. Wheeler to explain how he does his mileage for the town. Mr. Wheeler will reset his trip odometer to zero when he leaves the town hall, goes to his destination or multiple destinations and then back to town hall. He will list each destination with address and purpose on his mileage sheet. If Mr. Wheeler is going to Oswego from his home he starts it at that point and then splits the charge between three towns. This is the same for training or assessor meetings.

Mr. Metzger asked if Mr. Wheeler gave a new budget worksheet, he did but did not bring it with him. Just to verify Mr. Metzger asked if he was still comfortable with no increases for his entire budget. Mr. Wheeler responded that he was. Most of his budget goes to postage and licensing, and the licensing fees from Oswego have not changed, so he is comfortable with budget where it is.

AMBULANCE:

Ambulance people have cancelled, will be at a future meeting.

BUDGET:

Ms. Butler passed out the 2015 Tentative Budget along with:

- e-mail and letter from the judges
- letter from Judge Pelon on mileage
- revised budget sheet from Code Enforcement Office
- revised budget sheet from Mrs. Files

The state has our growth factor at 1.0156. It is the opinion of the entire board that they will not have to override the tax cap. All information is up to date in this tentative budget, the actual September 30th column is up to date.

The board members started to look at each line of the budget, the following were discussed:

A1110.11	Justice #1 PS	Increase 2%
A1110.12	Justice #2 PS	Increase 2%
A1110.13	Justice Clerk #1 PS	Increase 2%
A1110.14	Justice Clerk #2 PS	Increase 2%
A1355.12	Assessor's Clerk PS	Increase hourly wage by 2%
A1420.1	Attorney PS	Increase 2%
A1620.12	Bldgs & Grounds PS2	Increase hourly wage by 2%
A3510.1	Dog Control PS	Increase 2%
A7110.1	Park PS	Decrease to 0%
A7110.2	Park Eq	Decrease to \$1,000.00

Give Park Director a 2% increase, an increase in the budget line is not needed to support this.

Discussion about raises and how the town is under no obligation to give raises. At some point these positions max out their pay. Don't want to compound what has already been happening over many years. At this point, the board decided to adjourn so all members can be in attendance for further discussion.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2014.

ADJOURN:

At 9:20 pm the meeting adjourned.