

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - BUDGET MEETING-TOWN BOARD-OCTOBER 15, 2015
4:00 p.m. Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Town Supervisor
Richard Colesante, Thomas Moran, Chad Whitney – Council Members
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Clare Haynes - Town Clerk
Nancy Butler – Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

Absent: John Metzger – Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

At 4:00 p.m. the budget meeting of the town board was called to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2016 budget.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Butler gave the town board a handout that gives an analysis of salaries increases for the people who requested them. Mr. Mosley also did a spreadsheet for the justices. The board reviewed the handouts and after discussion gave raises to both justices, supervisor clerk, assessor, town clerk and the highway superintendent. Park employees and highway employee's rates were originally approved.

Ms. Butler also supplied a Highway Fund balance estimate for end of year 2015 along with a new page 1 and page 5 that shows changes made. After speaking to the County Treasurer, sales tax revenue might be lower. Ms. Butler after speaking to Mr. Woolridge made changes to the Line, "Less Fund Balance & Appro Reserve". This amount was decreased by \$35,000.00 to \$75,000.00. The \$35,000.00 difference was taken from A9950.9 which was decreased to \$85,000.00 from \$120,000.00.

Mr. Woolridge called and verified that the cost of the fuel island was about \$20,000., to install two pumps, curbs and wiring. LaValley who had the pump for sale is looking to see if there is still one available. The highway department will be installing the concrete pad cost will be about \$2,000. Mr. Woolridge has spoken to Mr. Hall he will not need anything special from Mr. Woolridge when he builds the island.

Discussion on the amount of money that needs to be put into A9950.9 Transfer to Cap. Fund Town Hall. Mr. Mosley would like to have all additional funds go into the town hall fund for the building of a new town hall. After discussion of other projects that need to be done in the town, other members of the board think there are better projects to consider using the money for. Mr. Whitney said when it comes to building a possible joint municipal building having a few thousand dollars towards such a large project will not matter, put some money away and do some needed projects. It was decided to look at the big picture at the next meeting get ideas on the table.

Additional changes to the budget,

A1410.42 Clerk	Increase to	\$ 9,200.00
A3620.11 Code Enforcement	Decrease to	\$20,000.00

This will be enough to give Mr. Hall a 2% increase in January, then in July reexamine his pay after he has been here a year.

B8090.4 Environmental Control CE Decrease to \$0.00* from \$19,780.00

*Split funds to engineering accounts for both highway DB5020.4 and general funds A1440.4.

Mr. Moran would like to revisit the water district, wants to see if the town should be doing something with the surplus money and the number of EDU's that are being charged.

ADJOURN:

At 5:55pm the meeting adjourned