

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - BUDGET MEETING-TOWN BOARD-SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
4:00 p.m. Constantia Town Hall

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

Others Present: Kathleen LaVigne – North Shore Ambulance
Lyle Robbins – North Shore Ambulance

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 2017 budget.

DISCUSSION:

Budget packets were given to the board which includes the 2017 tentative budget, budget worksheets and the tax cap worksheet. This meeting is a few weeks early so the September 30 Actual YTD section has not been updated.

Mr. Robbins and Mrs. LaVigne were in attendance to give the board the North Shore Ambulance budget and to answer any questions. North Shore Ambulance is asking for a 1.8% increase which equals to \$4,840.00. Majority of the increase would be for durable equipment, items that are in need of replacement. They have been holding the line for the past few years, need to put money away towards a new ambulance, scheduled replacement will be in two years. After discussion the board members thanked Mr. Robbins and Mrs. LaVigne for coming to the meeting.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge handed out his budget package, which includes payroll, equipment replacement plan and the road improvement program. The board started the conversation with payroll, Mr. Mosley wanted to say right out front that he thinks hourly rates should be even amounts. Mr. Metzger would like to make sure there is not a zero gain after insurance increases. Mr. Woolridge as of this meeting has put in for a 1.5% increase for most of the highway employees. Mr. Woolridge does do a comparison of other towns in the area and of the County, our rates and theirs are comparable. Mr. Woolridge as in the past would rather like a slow and steady increase instead of up and downs. The board asked Mr. Woolridge to consider an additional increase.

Mr. Moran asked if the Holly Hole Rd bridge project was included in next year budget, yes hopefully it will be completed next year. The DEC is requiring a lot of paperwork to give the town the necessary permit to complete the work.

Mr. Colesante noticed that the Park PS A7110.1 went up, this is incorrect please change it to last year's total of \$38,762.00.

OTHER TOPICS:

Mr. Metzger is concerned with the Constantia Fire District budget, while they are their own governing body Mr. Metzger will contact Mr. Raymond of the Board of Fire Commissioner to discuss the increase to see if some of the increase needs to be moved to the protection district.

Mr. Colesante wanted to speak about the floor at the park, it needs to be painted again. Mr. Colesante has gotten only one estimate to grind the floor and then to seal it, cannot find another company willing to do the work. Grinding is \$3,000 and paint product is \$1,500. After discussion Mr. Woolridge said the highway department will be willing to scrape and paint the floor in the spring.

Mr. Moran would like to speak to Mr. Reehil about the property on State Route 49, next to Trinity Church maybe this could be put on the Zombie Property list the County is creating.

Revitalization Committee discussion, Mrs. Susan LaVigne brought in the sidewalk poster that she has made, the board was hoping she would speak to the board about possible plans. The board would like the committee's thoughts on bench placement, trees and possible planters and any other ideas they might have.

NEXT MEETING:

September 27th, October 4th and October 11th at 4:00 p.m. will be the next special meetings for budget discussion.

ADJOURN:

At 6:08 p.m. the meeting adjourned.