

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - BUDGET MEETING-TOWN BOARD-OCTOBER 10, 2017
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
Nancy Butler - Bookkeeper

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 2018 budget.

DISCUSSION:

Budget packets were given to the board which includes the 2018 tentative budget, budget worksheets and the tax cap worksheet.

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. Woolridge as of this meeting has put in for a 3% increase for most of the highway employees. Mr. Metzger would like to make sure there is not a zero gain after insurance increases. Ms. Butler will run the numbers to see how much the projected increase in health insurance effects the pay increase for highway employees.

Most notable in the highway budget, Mr. Woolridge gets paid out of the general fund while his retirement and health insurance is paid from highway fund. Ms. Butler has corrected this for the 2018 budget all expenses as they pertain to the payroll for Highway Superintendent will be charged to the general fund.

Mr. Woolridge is looking at purchasing a new paver, the current paver is jointly owned with West Monroe. Mr. Woolridge would like the Town to purchase this one alone, this way gives the Town more control over use of the paver. Offer to sell the old one to West Monroe at value or sell and split the proceeds.

Mr. Woolridge did make an agreement with the County as to snow removal. The County is now contracting with the Town using a 5 year average. This will be paid out 25% in the fall and 75% in February.

All board members are in agreement with the Highway Budget as presented, there were no changes suggested.

SIDEWALKS:

Mr. Woolridge has received 2 bids for sidewalks running from State Route 49 to Frederick St, along County Route 23. Mr. Moran made the motion to authorize Mr. Woolridge to hire out the work for constructing the sidewalks, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried: Moran – Yes Whitney – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley – Yes

WAGE INCREASES:

Discussion turned to wage increases and how to they should be handled for general fund employees. No decisions were made, topic will be covered next meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

October 19th and October 24th at 4:00 p.m. will be the next special meetings for budget discussion.

ADJOURN:

At 5:58 p.m. the meeting adjourned.