

TOWN BOARD
BUDGET WOKSHOP
OCTOBER 16, 2014
6:10 PM

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting 6:10 PM followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, *Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Ranni, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

A discussion ensued about the Sugar Loaf Architectural Review Board formation. Supervisor Jamieson suggested the interested parties write a letter to the Town Board requested the formation. Councilwoman Ranni stated that the code designates the Planning Board as review board. It doesn't allow for the Town Board to create a review board unless the code is changed. A committee can be formed to make recommendations to the Planning Board.

*Councilman Murray arrived.

Supervisor Jamieson opened the discussion concerning the 2015 budget.

General Fund

The budget for Elections has been increased to \$20,000. It is anticipated that there will be an annual reduction of 1/3 of the expenses as per the County Executive.

5630.4 - Dial-a-bus has been eliminated. A new bus company will be contracted. They are headquartered in New Hampton.

7410 – Library

The contractual budgeted at \$100,000 has now been reduced to \$50,000. The budget is supplemented by an operating account.

The overall impact on real property taxes is down 11% in the general fund.

Supervisor Jamieson said we are under the tax cap by \$60,000-\$70,000. An increase in sales tax may further reduce the tax burden. The overall increase will be 1.3%. Village residents will see a tax cut.

Debt Service reduction of bond refinancing saved the Town \$130,000.

Part-Town

3120.1 – Police

Supervisor Jamieson said a car purchase was cut. A change in 1 part-time to full-time officer and removal of 1 full-time and 1 part-time position. There are 2 part-time slots left open.

Highway

Supervisor Jamieson announced cuts in the machinery and trucks. He is confident that next year's budget will look a lot stronger as far as equipment.

Snow removal was left as is.

Highway Part-Town

Supervisor Jamieson said road repair (DB5110.4) and salt (DA) stayed in.

Supervisor Jamieson said the Surrey Road pavement project will be done in 2015.

The contractual accounts including miscellaneous brush, personal services have stayed the same. There is a 60% increase.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray to approve the Tentative budget for 2015 and adopt the 2015 Preliminary budget. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to set a Public Hearing for the adoption of the final budget on November 6, 2014 at 7 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business brought before the Board, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
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