

**TOWN OF CHESTER  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
OCTOBER 3, 2019- 5:00PM**

Members Present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Finizia, Councilman Perez, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Wensley

Also Present: Highway Superintendent LaSpina, Highway Clerk Thom

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Anthony LaSpina, Highway Superintendent, and Donna Thom, Highway Clerk, presented the Highway Department's 2020 budget request to the Board.

**Highway-Superintendent of Highways**

**A5010.1 (Personal Services)** - A budget of \$178,694.00, a 4.7% increase due to 27 pay period year is requested, which includes the salary for Superintendent and Clerk.

**A5010.4 (Contractual Expenses)** - A budget of \$22,693.00 is requested, which is \$1,800 increase for a weather service subscription to alert for storms.

**Highway-Garage**

**A5132.1 (Personal Services)** - A budget request of \$11,692.56, 7% increase due to 27 pay periods.

**A5132.4 (Contractual Services)**- Superintendent LaSpina is requesting a budget of \$57,410, which includes salt barn work and increase to O&R utilities expense.

**Highway-TW Machinery**

**DA5130.1 (Personal Services)** – A budget request of \$200,903.60, up 24.8% which includes potential retirement payouts..

**DA5130.2 (Equipment)** – A budget request of \$228,322 includes contractual payments. Noted; \$78,626 in payments comes of next year.

**DA5130.4 (Contractual Expenses)** – 0 increase.

**Highway- TW Misc**

**DA5140.1 (Personal Services)** – Budget request of \$116,937.92, up 6.1%.

**DA5140.4 (Contractual Expenses)** - \$33,525.00 requested, up 26.9%. This fund includes the increased cost of fuel for the Highway Department.

**Highway- TW Snow Removal**

**DA5142.1 (Personal Services)** – This fund includes employee salaries and overtime for snow removal. A budget of \$151,112.36 was requested, up 3.6^.

**DA5142.4 (Contractual Expenses)** – Budget request \$200,000 same as 2019.

**Highway- Part Town General Repairs**

**DB5110.1 (Personal Services)** –This fund is used for the salaries for street repair and maintenance. A budget of \$741,899.12 has been requested, which includes a possible retirement payout of \$70,000.

**DB5110.4 (Contractual Expenses)** – Superintendent LaSpina requested \$746,519 for repair and reclamation of roads which includes \$80,000.00 in unanticipated revenue from the NY State CHIPS program. This budget includes resurfacing of approximately 5 miles of roadway.

**Highway- PT Misc**

**DB5140.4 (Contractual Expenses)** – The request of \$46,725 up 14.4% from 2019, which includes gas and diesel increases.

A discussion ensued concerning the cost effectiveness of possibly bonding for road repair.

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**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Finizia to schedule a budget work session on October 9, 2019 at 6pm at the Chester Town Hall meeting room. Motion carried 5-0.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Perez and second by Councilman Finizia to adjourn the meeting at 6pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
2019-10-03