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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilman Ronald Scouten
Councilman Charles Scott
Supervisor Harold Entwistle, III
Town Clerk Tracy Northrop
Bookkeeper Dawn Campbell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman William Rockhill

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:53 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE:

Recited.

Supervisor Entwistle opened the meeting by reading the Public Notice. He stated the purpose of the meeting tonight was to go over the General, Sewer and water side of the budget.

TOWN BOARD:

- All personal services will receive 3%, except the Bookkeeper who will get 6%. Supervisor Entwistle stated the justification is the Bookkeeping is changing electronically. Dawn has done the bookkeeping and the health insurance for a long time and hasn't been compensated for it.

CENTRAL SUPPLY: Since switching to Central Supply, the Town has spent a total of \$555.

DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS: \$5,000 was put into this budget for demolitions.

AMBULANCE: In lieu of forming an ambulance district, or at least for the time being, the contractual for ambulance has been raised to \$12,375 for Prospect and \$4,875 for Old Forge.

HIGHWAY GARAGE: Maintenance and upkeep of the barn itself. This comes out of

the General side of the budget.

WOODGATE BUILDING: This will remain the same. The phone and internet are gone. The water does get turned on to water plants during the warmer months. Councilwoman Kardash suggested getting the croquet set along with other merchandise to sell, or possibly donate to the Girl Scouts out of the building. Councilman Scott suggested donating the items to Camp Nazareth.

CELEBRATIONS: \$1850 into the Fireworks and remainder can be used towards kissing balls for the Chamber's Program as well as the flower basket program.

PROGRAMS FOR AGING: Supervisor Entwistle said the Senior Recreation Director is doing a good job and hasn't heard any complaints about the program. Discussion took place on other bus options.

ADULT RECREATION: Money is in there for repairs that may need to be done.

REUSE AND GARBAGE: Almost \$11,000 this year. Councilwoman Kardash suggested capping the tires at 4. Supervisor Entwistle stated he would like to continue the one dump day for one more year to see exactly how much the savings and garbage is. Dump Day will be discussed at a later date.

CODES: Lance 20 hours/ week year round and \$1500 for commercial inspections that were never done.

MEDICAL INSURANCE: Excellus Platinum plan will be going from \$772 to \$843 and the Gold plan \$664 to \$720. MVP's Platinum plan will be \$771 and the Gold Plan would be at \$683. Excellus doesn't want to offer their insurance up against another Platinum Plan. They can do it for this year, but next year it could be cancelled.

- The town will continue to contribute \$600 a month towards insurance. Retirees are paying 5% of their healthcare and they get reimbursed for Medicare contributions. Supervisor Entwistle would like to raise that to 10%. Supervisor Entwistle would like to cap the Medicare contributions for not only current retirees, but employees that may retire and are eligible to bring the insurance with them for retirement. What the contribution is when they retire should be it. The raise in retiree contribution and the Medicare cap would not take effect until January of 2018. This will be discussed more at the October meeting.

DOG FEES: A dog enumeration and dog fees were discussed.

PUBLIC:

The Forestport Chamber would like to get put on the budget annually. Supervisor Entwistle stated the Town would help with the wreaths and baskets again, but they cannot do more than that.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to adjourn the budget workshop. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash – yes
Councilman Charles Scott – yes
Supervisor Harold Entwistle, III –yes

With no further business the workshop was adjourned at 7:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop- Forestport Town Clerk