

TOWN OF FORESTPORT
2020 Budget Workshop Minutes
September 24, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Members Present:

Supervisor Entwistle
Councilman Scouten
Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scott

Members Absent

Councilman Rockhill

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk
Dawn Campbell, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The workshop meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Entwistle.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Dawn mentioned there is an extra Payroll this year; 27 instead of 26.

Town Board- 3% raise

Judge and Clerk- 3% raise each.

Tax Collector – There is a raise for the Tax Collector this year but a cap at \$5,000 for next year was discussed.

Assessor- \$40,600 salary this year.

Town Clerk- There is \$3,000 for the Deputy Clerk at \$235.00/week while the Town Clerk is out for Maternity Leave.

Town Attorney- No raise this year. Supervisor Entwistle is going to ask him if he would like to continue as the Town Attorney as he is going into retirement.

Town Engineer- \$10,000 was cut from the Budget.

Youth Program- There is \$11,500 in the Budget this year for the Youth Program. Supervisor Entwistle stated having parents pay \$75/child for Camp Nazareth and \$50/child for the Ski Program.

Buildings & Grounds- Jim Peldo has agreed to not having a helper. He currently would be making \$14.21 and the Board gave him a \$4,000 increase for not having a helper. There is additional money in the Contractual to have someone help Jim when needed. Jim also won't be taking the health insurance which saves \$7200/year.

Central Communication- Discussion on the wiring took place.

Dog Control- Discussion took place capping the Dog Control Officer salary at \$6,000.

Ambulance- no changes this year.

Highway Superintendent- 3% raise this year.

Woodgate building- Discussion took place about renting or selling the Woodgate school.

Celebrations- Supervisor Entwistle stated if the fireworks increase this year, the Committee will have to raise the money. Discussion took place regarding putting flags up in place of some flowers for the Flower Basket Program. Flags could be dedicated to Local Veterans.

Senior Rec-\$11,500 this year. Supervisor Entwistle suggested having less trips, or shorter trips. It costs \$1,100 for the coach bus each time.

Planning Board Secretary- 3% raise.

Planning Board Members- no raise.

Porta johns- The Board is getting rid of the one porta john by the dam. The Scouten field porta-john should only be there for a few months.

Code Enforcement Officer- No raise.

Cemeteries- As Town has given Woodgate Cemetery a total of \$1,500, they will not be getting any money this year. The Board is leaving \$1,000 in the line budget for the Beechwood Cemetery in case they need it.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of the Forestport Elementary School. Money has to be taken out of the CD's or savings to pay for the Forestport Elementary School and then be paid back. The money is due within the next 30 days. Dawn stated the money from the CD's is what the Town lowers taxes by.

Discussion took place regarding the Highway Department speaking with Gorman and having a specific plan of when the paving can be done. If the window is missed in May, then possibly paving in August instead, when the Sales Tax money comes. The Horton Road Bridge is underway and the Town is responsible for about \$45,000. The portion the Town is responsible for can come from the CHIPS money. By the end of the year, the Town would have paid around \$8-9,000. The CHIPS is \$180,000, but it's really only \$135,000. Bill, the Highway Superintendent will have \$90,000 for oil and \$40,000 for stone. Everyone is satisfied with the roads. The only place that needs work is behind the White Lake Inn. The Board needs a status report from Buck Horn. If the roads are done, the

Buck Horn Association owes around \$11,000. Supervisor Entwistle needs an advanced notice when the roads are getting done, so the Association can be ready to make the payment. Bill Gardner will probably be doing one road at a time in Bear Creek Lodge.

Rental of the new building: The Town can rent the new building as long as it is rented to a Government entity such as the DMV or Sherriff. Karate using the new Building would not be used as rental income. The money from Karate would go into the Buildings and Grounds account.

Water & Sewer: Dawn, Tracy, Ted and Jim all get a minor raise. Everything is about the same as last year.

Fire: All Fire Departments will be getting the same amount as last year.

Next Tuesday, October 1st, the Board will discuss the Highway and discussing more on the General side of the Budget for the purchase of Forestport Elementary School.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Kardash – yes
Councilman Rockhill – absent
Councilman Scott – yes
Supervisor Entwistle – yes

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk