

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**10/4/2023**

CALLED TO ORDER 5:30 PM

PRESENT: JIM, TRAVIS, MARK, CHARLES & SUE

PUBLIC: PHIL EATON

TAX CAP THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE 2%, BUT IS ACTUALLY 1.0006 THIS YEAR. AGAIN FALLING SHORT OF WHAT IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE

EXPLANATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES AND BUDGET AT YEAR END.

ADAM COULD NOT ATTEND, SO WE WILL CHECK ON NEXT TUESDAY AND SEE IF HE CAN MAKE IT. CHARLES WILL BE OUT OF TOWN AND ITS NOT A GREAT NIGHT FOR TRAVIS. MARK HAS MADE CONTACT WITH THE TOWN RESIDENT.

PHIL: A LENGTHILY DISCUSSION WAS HAD ON THE PURCHASE OF A LOADER, NO DECISION AT THIS TIME. THE PLOW WILL BE PURCHASED. IT WAS EXPLAINED BY PHIL AS TOLD TO HIM BY THE OSC, THAT IF HE HAS MONEY AVAILABLE IN HIS BUDGET LINE AND HAS OBTAINED ALL THE NECESSARY QUOTES HE DOES NOT NECESSARILY NEED BOARD APPROVAL, BUT AS A COURTESY HE DOES RUN THINGS BY THEM FOR THEIR INPUT.

DISCUSSION WAS MADE ON THE SNOW PLOW CONTRACT WITH ONEIDA COUNTY AND THE BOARD ASKED PHIL TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION. IT IS NOT FELT BY PHIL THAT WE HAVE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO CARRY OUT THE JOB. ALSO WITH THE CLOSING OF CARGILL OPERATIONS SUPPLY PRICES MAY BE UNBEARABLE, PHIL DOES NOT HAVE THE FORM FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD WORK FOR NEXT YEAR AND DOES NOT HAVE AN IDEA YET OF CHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2024, HOPEFULLY WILL HAVE BY NEXT MONDAY. PHIL IS TO BE LISTING SOME EXCESS EQUIPMENT ON AUCTION INTERNATIONAL NEXT WEEK.

ANTHONY PICENTE CALLED TODAY TO ADVISE THE INDIAN GAMING

CONTRACT WOULD INCREASE TO \$100,000.00, NOTHING CAN BE DONE WITH THE BUDGET UNTIL AN AGREEMENT IS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY TO REVIEW.

A REVIEW WAS DONE OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS, WE HAVE NO BUDGET INFO AT THIS TIME FROM THE DEANSBORO FIRE DISTRICT. THE VILLAGE HAS PROVIDED THE FIRE/EMT INFO AND THE LIGHTING DISTRICTS WILL GO DOWN SLIGHTLY AS THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE.

PART TOWN GENERAL: A LETTER WAS READ FROM PAUL SYKES AND THE ZONING BOARD IS REQUESTING A PAY INCREASE TO \$50.00 A MEETING ATTENDED. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION THE BOARD WAS AGREEABLE TO THAT. THEY QUESTIONED THE ALLOWANCE OF MILEAGE. WHILE ANNE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO BE THE SECRETARY FOR BOTH P & Z BOARDS, SHE WILL NOT BE COMPENSATED FOR PLANNING UNTIL A BOARD ACTUALLY IS APPOINTED.

FULL TOWN AND PART TOWN HIGHWAY WAS REVIEWED, UNTIL MORE IS KNOWN ABOUT CHIPS, IT IS IN LIMBO. THE SALES TAX HAS BEEN STEADILY INCREASING. WE STILL HAVE SEVERAL YEARS OF PAYMENTS ON THE TRUCK AND TRACTOR/MOWER. WE ALSO HAVE ANOTHER TRUCK ORDERED DUE TO ARRIVE NEXT YEAR, WITH THE FIRST PAYMENT DUE IN 2025.

FULL TOWN GENERAL WAS DISCUSSED ON A LINE BY LINE BASIS. THE BOARD DID NOT APPROVE THE RAISE FOR THE ASSESSOR AS THEY FELT HE DID NOT GET THE INFORMATION THEY HAD REQUESTED CONCERNING THE REVAL DONE BY A NEARBY TOWN. THEY ALSO FELT HE WAS NOT DOING ALL THAT HE COULD DO TO KEEP OUR VALUES UP. A DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING A REVAL HERE AND TRAVIS WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH THE B.A.R. BEFORE WE BROACH THAT SUBJECT.

THE TOWN BOARD HAS NOT RECEIVED A RAISE SINCE PRIOR TO 2021, THEY WILL TAKE AN INCREASE OF \$400.00. TRAVIS SAID THIS HOPEFULLY MIGHT ENTICE FUTURE TOWN RESIDENTS TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE POSITION. IN ADDITION TO REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS, EACH MEMBER HAS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AND MUST

ATTEND UNION NEGOTIATION MEETINGS, SWOCO, ACTING AS DEPUTIES OR LIAISONS TO VARIOUS VENUES. EVERYONE WAS IN FAVOR ACCEPT FOR JIM.

SUE WILL NO LONGER BE DOING THE SORE REPORTS OR THE BUDGET TO ACTUAL, SHE WILL CONTINUE TO WRITE ALL THE CHECKS AND DO THE PAYROLL, THE BALANCE OF BOOKKEEPING WILL BE DONE BY PAT. SUE IS REQUESTING \$1500.00 FOR THE PAYROLL AND \$500.00 FOR CHECK WRITING AND BALANCING THE 23 TOWN ACCOUNTS. THE COMPLETION OF THE AUD IS IN THE AIR AT THIS TIME.

PHIL'S REQUEST WILL BE ALLOWED AT \$1500.00, LAST YEAR THEY DID NOT GIVE A RAISE AS THEY WOULD BE PUTTING INTO THE STATE RETIREMENT FUND ON HIS BEHALF. THE CONDITION IS THAT THE INVENTORY BE COMPLETED BY PROPERTY TAGGING ALL ITEMS WITH A VALUE OF \$300.00 OR MORE.

THEY APPROVED VARIOUS OTHER CHANGES TO THE BUDGET. THEY WILL NOT INVEST MONEY INTO THE DOG SHELTER FOR WHAT THE STATE IS REQUESTING, WE ARE A SMALL RURAL TOWNSHIP NOT A LARGE TOWN OR CITY. DOGS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE SHELTERS THAT WE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH FOR DISPOSAL. THE CEMETERIES WERE DISCUSSED AND THE POSSIBILITY OF HIRING SOMEONE ON A PART TIME BASIS. UNDER CIVIL SERVICE JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND THE UNION CONTRACT CARE OF CEMETERIES AS WELL AS TRASH DAYS ARE NOT IN THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF M.E.O..

SINCE THE TOWN HAS OPTED TO JOIN THE NYSLRS THE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS EACH EMPLOYEE JOINING OF 3.5%, WAS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN CONSIDERING RAISES. IN ADDITION TO THE ACTUAL BUY IN FEE WHICH HAS NOT TOTALLY BEEN PROVIDED BY NYSLRS.

ALL PARTIES WILL BE ADVISED OF THEIR REQUEST, IN CASE THEY WANT TO ATTEND THE NEXT WORKSHOP IF THEY WISH TO DISCUSS THE BOARDS DECISIONS.

THE BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 10/11 WILL BE CHANGED TO 10/10 IF ADAM IS AVAILABLE TO ATTEND.

BUDGET WORKSHOP ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED SUE COLLINS BUDGET OFFICER