

October 10, 2016 the regular Town Board Meeting was held in the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with all board members in attendance. Sup. Gang led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** Pat Greeough has looked at the grade all machine located in Putnam where it is still located and he believes it may just be a timing issue but not sure at this time. Since the last meeting the crew has been busy with the new salt barn construction and it's coming along nicely. There has been 10 hours of OSHA Training in Fort Edward. The shoulders were completed on the Pike Brook project, and Chase Road and Bluff Head Road hills were reshaped. The winter equipment has been primed and painted for the upcoming season.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 for the 2017 Town Budget and there was no discussion and there was no one in attendance for the hearing and it closed at 7:20 p.m.

The Financials were given to the board and are on file in the Town Clerk's office. The BAN is still up in the air however we need to know if it will be renewed. The bank submitted a letter to authority beyond them and we will wait for a reply. A \$1,600 check came in from the Office of the State Comptroller and Sup. Gang is not sure what it is for but he will find out later in the week.

Some discussion has been going around about the town cemeteries and which ones are owned by the town. Sup. Gang discussed with the town attorney about the cemetery owned by Jack Eggleston and how the town has been maintaining it for an undisclosed amount of time. Mr. Eggleston defends the right to consider it a town cemetery and he has the right to say who can be buried there. The town is waiting on a response from the attorney before proceeding with what to do about this issue and also have in writing about which cemeteries are town owned.

**New Business:** Sup. Gang read the summary cover letter to the board. The total tax increase will be 4.8% and the total tax levy will be \$783,370, an increase of \$36,416 over 2016. Most of this increase is due to upcoming raises for the highway department and increase in health coverage.

**Resolution #35-2016** titled **Resolution Introducing Proposed Local Law #2-2016 to Override the Tax Levy Limits** was introduced by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

**Resolution #36-2016** titled **2017 Town Budget** was introduced by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**Resolution #37-2016** titled **Budget Amendment; General** for increased expenses for Dog Control was put forth by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

**Resolution #38-2016** titled **Budget Amendment; Sewer District #2** for increased expenses was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

As for County Business, the budget process is continuing for the Town Supervisors and it will remain under the tax cap and any shortage will be taken from the fund balance.

There were no further discussions and a motion to adjourn was made by Coun. Wilbur at 7:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.