

October 12, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting and Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget were held at the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Gang led the pledge to the flag. A motion was made to accept the previous month's minutes by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor. A motion was made to pay the audited bills by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

**Old Business:** A motion was made by Sup. Gang to open the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget. There will be a 4.49% increase to the budget over last year's totals. The increase is in due to the raises given to the highway department crew members per their contract, the insurance liability has increased 3% and the retiree's insurance premiums are up 5%. This equals an increase of \$32,000 and because the General Fund is at Zero balance and is now borrowing monies from the Highway Fund to complete the rest of the year's bills, we are beginning to rebuild the General Fund balance and put it back on the positive side. There was no public comment on the Hearing and it was closed. The monthly financials were given to the board and are on file in the Town Clerk's office. There was some backlash from the local fire departments in regards to the public beach not being opened for access to Lake George. The Washington County Fish and Game Club have a letter that will be submitted to the Board of Supervisor's for the County Attorney to go over expressing their concern about the gate being closed year round. Sup. Gang has requested that the issue be put back onto the agenda for the next Public Safety Board meeting being held at the end of the month. Town Clerk, Marcinda Wilbur, brought up the impending vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review and will be looking for a replacement for Craig Bascue.

**New Business:** There were several resolutions to pass at this month's meeting. All of them are on file in the Town Clerk's office. **Resolution #27-15** titled **Authorize of inter fund Loan** from HW to GEN was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. **Resolution #28-15** titled **Budget Amendment, General** authorizing moving money between accounts in the General Fund was put forth by Coun. Greenough, and seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. **Resolution #29-15** titled **Budget Amendment, Sewer District #2** moves money to cover the cost of DEC permits within the Sewer Budget was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. **Resolution #30-15** titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** authorizes moving money in the HW fund to cover the continued expense of the T-11 bridge was put forth by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. **Resolution #31-15** titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** authorizing moving money within the HW fund was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. **Resolution #32-15** titled **Budget Amendment, General** reappoints the deputy Town Assessor, Paul Maniacek, was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. On September 21<sup>st</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>, meetings were held to go over the budget with the budget committee as well as other board members to go over the numbers for the 2015 budget to assess the 2016 budget. A much higher increase was agreed upon to begin to build a fund balance but with slow increases thus far. Budget meetings are being held at the County level and all employees except union workers will be receiving a 1.5% raise and there is also a lot of requested monies from each department that will be cut in the next few weeks. The Highway Superintendent was not available for tonight's meeting however Sup. Gang was able to report that the paving will be done soon at the T-11 bridge project as well as Hulett's Landing roads 6A and 6B will have the shoulders done so that the paving can be done to them as well. There were no further discussions and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Respectfully submitted Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk.

**Attendance:** Louise Davidson, Helen Marie Sunkenberg, Robert Banks, Joyce Banks