

October 9, 2017 the regular Town Board Meeting and the Public Hearing for the 2018 Tentative Budget was held in the town hall with Coun. Barber absent. Sup. Gang led the pledge to the flag. A motion was made to accept the previous month's minutes by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**Public Hearing:** The total amount of taxes going up for next year's budget is 3.3% so it will be over the 2% tax cap. The budget officer has placed the numbers he has in but still unsure of what the total amounts will be with over two months of the year left. The salaries will remain the same as last year and the medical expenses will be going up but still not sure what they will be. The Highway workers' salaries will increase by 4%.

**Old Business:** The financials were given to the board and are on file in the Town Clerk's office. The amounts left for the remainder of the year look good but unforeseen expenses could always arise.

**New Business:** Ticonderoga Animal Hospital will not be boarding dogs in the future so we will have to find a new place to take stray dogs. There is nothing new with the Veteran's sign and as for the updated names it is in the hands of Chet Foster.

**Resolution #21-2017** titled **Budget Amendment, General** was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

**Resolution #22-2017** titled **Time Clock Policy** will be taking effect on January 1, 2018. A change was made in the explanation after it was drafted. Included will be the following description: 5 day work week will be 6 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4 day work week will be 6 a.m.-4 p.m. The resolution was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor.

**Resolution #23-2017** titled **Progressive Discipline Policy** which was taken from the county level and become effective January 1, 2018 was put forth by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**Resolution #24-2017** titled **Sick Leave Policy** to be effective on January 1, 2018 was put forth by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

**Resolution #25-2017** titled **Public Meeting to Override Tax Cap (1.8%)** will be placed for two weeks prior to the hearing in the newspaper. The resolution was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

**County Business:** The department heads are coming to the tables during the budget discussions at the County. Currently the budget is over 20 Million dollars and it must be cut back by 2 Million dollars to be under the tax cap. The county is eligible to receive monies from the casino in Schenectady but amounts have been significantly lower than they anticipated each neighboring county to receive. Fortunately the county didn't use inflated numbers when calculating this year's budget and figured lower amounts so we should be alright at the county level.

There wasn't a Highway Superintendent's Report at tonight's meeting because Mr. Hobus was unavailable.

A question was brought up about using plexiglass to cover the Veteran's Sign which is very costly but Coun. Greenough will continue to look for options. At this time the meeting was called into Executive Session at 7:35. A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:28 and a motion was made by Coun. Wilbur to adjourn from the monthly meeting and all were in favor. Respectfully submitted Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.

**Attendance:** Scott Brown Marc Brown Paul Ferguson Louise Davidson Matt Saari (Whitehall Times)