

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –BUDGET MEETING – October 7, 2021
5:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Nancy Butler - Bookkeeper

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Mosley told the board members that Mr. Tomaino will be running the budget meetings as he will be the new Town Supervisor in 2022. At 5:09 pm Mr. Tomaino called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Board members went down the budget starting at page 4 with the following changes:

A1110.11 Justice #1 PS	Increase 3%	\$10,486
A1110.12 Justice #2 PS	Increase 3%	\$10,486
A1110.13 Justice Clerk #1 PS	Increase 3%	\$ 8,384
A1110.14 Justice Clerk #2 PS	Increase 3%	\$ 8,384

Ms. Butler was at the meeting and explained her job responsibilities have increase the past year, she did not ask for a raise in 2021 but would have if she knew of all the changes that were to come. Ms. Butler has had to take virtual training on the new retirement system, the old system would take 15 to 20 minutes to complete the required information, now with the update it takes her 1.5 to 2 hours. Ms. Butler has also received notification that the Annual Update Document (AUD) will be changing which will require her to attend additional training sessions. Board members approved the increase.

A1310.1 Supervisor Clerk PS	Increase 6%	\$20,489	
A1310.42 Payroll Service CE	Increase from	\$ 5,000	to \$6,000
A1330.4 Tax Collection CE	Increase from	\$ 4,500	to \$5,250
A1355.12 Assessor's Clerk PS	Decrease from	\$ 6,000	to \$0.00
A1410.11 Clerk PS	Increase 3%	\$40,561	
A1410.42 Clerk CE Dog Lic	Decrease from	\$ 2,000	to \$1,500
A1420.1 Attorney PS	Increase 3%	\$13,295	
A1420.4 Attorney CE	Increase from	\$20,000	to \$25,000

Mr. Tomaino would like a discussion on dumpster days. Mr. Tomaino believes this money could be put to better use elsewhere in the budget. Earlier in the year there was a meeting discussing the drug problem in Constantia, the sheriffs brought up the idea that the Town could hire off duty sheriff's to patrol around the Town. It was noted that 4-wheelers have been driving down the road doing wheelies etc. The problem is police are not going to chase down 4-wheelers in fear of injuring the rider. After further discussion it was noted that Mr. Mosley will reach out to the Supervisor of Minetto to see if they had success with contracting with the sheriffs. A1620.11 Dumpsters PS1 and A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage will be discussed at a later date.

A1620.12 Bldg & Grounds Cleaner PS2 – this is the line for Mrs. Cottet to clean the Town Hall, Ms. Butler will do a comparison to make sure this increase will be sufficient for a potential raise.

A3120.4 Court Security – this line will need to be increased as Mr. Gibbs has asked for a raise from \$20 an hour to \$21 with a three hour minimum. Mr. Gibbs is also attending town board meetings. This line was increased to \$3,800.

A3510.1 Dog Control PS	Increase 3%		
A3510.4 Dog Control CE	Decrease from	\$5,000	to \$3,500

Discussion on Code Enforcement, Mr. Dolan would like an increase from \$20 an hour to \$22. Mr. Mosley has also had a discussion with Mr. Sundut, Supervisor for West Monroe, Mr. Dolan is the CEO for West Monroe full time. Mr. Mosley told the board Mr. Dolan would like to work 20 hours each for both Towns and have a second CEO hired to handle violations. As Mr. Tomaino pointed out, Mr. Haynes, CEO for Constantia is still out on disability, it is not possible to make that decision at the present time. After discussion it was decided to add another line A3620.12 Code Enforcement PS2 and fund it with \$23,000.

A4540.4 Ambulance CE	Increase 1.7%	\$277,265	to \$282,117
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Mr. Woolridge was not at the meeting, Mr. Mosely told the board that Mr. Woolridge originally asked for 3% raise but after discussion with Mr. Woolridge Mr. Mosley increased it to 6% as Mr. Woolridge would like to be at \$60,000 for his last 3 years as it will help his retirement.

A5010.1 Highway & St Admin PS	Increase 6%		
A6410.4 Publicity	Decrease from	\$4,000	to \$2,000

Mr. Colesante was at the park and recreation meeting on Wednesday night, there are some issues with the budget as submitted. NYS did increase the minimum wage to \$13.20 which might have an impact on the budget numbers. Mr. Colesante would like to wait until the new budget is submitted before discussion.

ADJOURN:

At 7:00pm the meeting adjourned.