

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – BUDGET MEETING – October 14, 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
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Nancy Butler- Bookkeeper
Erin Zehr – Park and Recreation Chair

CALL TO ORDER:

At 5:00 pm Mr. Tomaino called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Mosley, Supervisor is having Mr. Tomaino run the meeting as he will be the Supervisor next year.

PARK AND RECREATION:

Ms. Zehr presented an updated budget worksheet for the board to review. The major change is to the PS account as minimum wage increased to \$13.20 an hour. The Commission reviewed the other pay rates and made what they felt were appropriate changes to long term employees.

Mr. Moran asked about the medical counselor position and why it is removed from the budget. Mrs. Zehr responded that Mrs. Lewis – On-Site Supervisor and Mrs. Harrison - Asst. Supervisor have taken the required courses and received the needed certifications.

Mr. Moran asked about Lifeguard re-certifications, this line has \$2,500 budgeted, Mr. Moran made note that this year he only signed vouchers for around \$900. Can this line be decreased, Mrs. Zehr would not be comfortable decreasing this as lifeguards come and go, never too sure how many will return year to year.

After discussion it was decided to increase A7110.1 Parks PS to \$53,700 to accommodate the wage increases. The On-Site Supervisor hourly rate will be \$17.00.

Without anymore questions, Mrs. Zehr left the meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Page 9 – DA Fund – Ms. Butler for the tentative budget decreased these lines to zero as there is a healthy balance in DA. As the Annual Update Document has changed, Ms. Butler has learned that the State does not want these lines to be funded if they are not going to be used. Mr. Woolridge told the board that there are three bridges that need to be repaired, he is working the Barton & Loguidice to apply for a Bridge NY grant for help with the bridges on Gale Rd, Frederick St and Dutcherville Rd. Ms. Butler told the board that currently there is a balance of \$140,305 in the DA Fund. Mr. Woolridge will need that and more to complete all the work needed. It was decided to increase DA5120.4 to \$149,593, to help offset the increase, the balance in the DA Fund \$145,305 will be put on the front page Less Fund Balance column. Mr. Woolridge believes that maybe a capital project account should be set up as it takes a few years to plan and pay for the projects.

The County has reached out to Mr. Woolridge, they would like Constantia to mow the railroad bed. Mr. Woolridge will be meeting next week to discuss details. Mr. Colesante would like to use this as leverage to try to get the County to close the railroad bed to unauthorized vehicles, ATV's. It is only this end of the County that has authorized ATV use and it is causing problems in the Town.

Page 12 - Lighting Districts, as noted in past meetings the lighting districts will be dissolved and become a general fund line item A5182.4. Mr. Colesante would like to put into place a procedure to add streets lights at they are requested by residents.

Page 13 – Fire Cleveland and Constantia – page acceptable, Ms. Butler is aware of the typos, they will be corrected in the preliminary budget.

Page 14 – Sewers, The board members are unclear at how much should be put into the sewer budget. Mr. Clark and Mr. Powers will be at the town board meeting. The Town will need to know how much to charge the district residents for 2022. Mr. Colesante believes there must be a way to slowly ramp up the charges.

Ms. Butler would like to clarify A3620.11 Code Enforcement PS, at the last meeting it was decided to add another PS line. Ms. Butler told the board that if another PS line is added then a new position will need to be approved by the County. After discussion it was decided to add an additional \$23,000 to A3620.11 to handle the possible addition of more hours.

NEXT MEETING:

The next budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21st at 5:00 pm. The public hearing on the 2022 budget will be on Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 pm as required by law.

ADJOURN:

At 7:00 pm the meeting adjourned.