

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –BUDGET MEETING – October 3, 2024
6:00 am Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino - Supervisor
Ronald Chapman, Michael Donegan, Thomas Moran, Daniel Poné– Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
E. John Whitney – Deputy Highway Superintendent
Nancy Butler – Bookkeeper

Absent: Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:00 pm Mr. Tomaino called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

2025 BUDGET:

Ms. Butler handed out the 2025 Tentative Budget to board members present, the budget was filed with the Town Clerk's office as required on September 26, 2024. The current budget is under the tax cap as is the goal of the board.

HIGHWAY FUND:

As Mr. Woolridge is not present, Mr. Whitney will be here to answer any questions the board might have about the highway budget. When looking at the budget numbers in the paperwork presented tonight, there were some differences as to what Mr. Woolridge verbally gave to Ms. Butler when preparing the Tentative Budget. As in the past Mr. Woolridge did not put in a wage increase for the full-time highway employees. After discussion on raises the board members decided to give all full-time employees a 5% increase. Ms. Butler will make the necessary increases to the PS accounts. It was noted that part-time seasonal employees received a significant increase for 2024, they will not receive an increase for 2025.

Discussion on the new truck that should have been delivered in 2024 but had been pushed back to late 2025. The Town did not make a payment on this vehicle, payment in full will need to be made in 2025.

Mr. Whitney will be getting bids to purchase a new pick-up in 2025.

DB2401 Interest and Earnings, Ms. Butler will increase this line by \$15,000.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

It does not look like it will be needed but Mrs. Haynes asked if the board members would like to start the process for the Local Law to authorize the Town to go over the tax cap. After discussion it was decided it would be best to have it done.

Mr. Tomaino told the board that Mrs. Zehr will be at the next meeting on October 10th at 6pm for Park and Recreation Commission budget. Mr. Tomaino did send over a copy of the budget worksheet as requested by Mrs. Zehr and Mr. Colesante. Ms. Butler stated that Mr. Tomaino, Mr. DeRienzo and herself put the budget together for the park this year.

ADJOURN:

At 7:30 pm the meeting adjourned.