

October 7, 2019

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville began on October 7, 2019 at 6:05 pm at Pioneer Hall for the purpose of conducting a budget workshop. Four board members were present, as well as the following Department Heads: Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh and Bookkeeper Joanne Kratz. Mrs. Erin Nevins of E.P. Nevins Insurance and town resident Ms. Anita Zibura were also in attendance, as well as Highway Superintendent-Elect Mike Dudley. Councilman Joel Rauf was not present this evening. Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bids were requested for two items declared as surplus at the September 16, 2019 town board meeting. This was advertised in the Catskill Daily Mail on September 28, 2019.

The following bids were received for the used soccer goal post from Vanderbilt Park:

1. Michael Bowden bid \$30.00 for the goal posts.

No bids were received for the used Cub Cadet zero-turn mower with a 60 inch deck.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to accept the bid from Michael Bowden for the goal post for \$30.00. Carried 4 ayes

Mrs. Erin Nevins of E.P. Nevins Insurance Agency provided an overview of the 2020 preliminary renewal costs for the Town's health, dental, and vision plans. A considerable savings could be achieved if changes were made to the Medicare plan currently offered. The retirees could choose a plan that best suited their needs (many with no premiums) and the town, instead of funding a monthly premium, could fund the out of pocket costs. This would save thousands. All Councilmen felt that this should be considered as an option, and that it could reap considerable savings. Mrs. Nevins offered to compile an alternate cost savings review;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to move forward with the comparison and cost savings projections of what was presented this evening.

Carried 4 ayes

At 6:23 pm, the 2020 tentative budget was reviewed line by line. Discussions appropriate to each line occurred as necessary for clarification. A 3% salary increase across the board was included in this budget; no increases were offered in 2019.

Supervisor Macko relayed that at this point, using the tentative budget as presented this evening, the amount to be raised by taxes is \$1,723,649, with a tax rate equaling \$6.66 per \$1,000 assessed value. This is down 70 cents per thousand, which is a 9.4% decrease from the 2019 budget ~ he noted that adjustments are still needed in the budget, however, and this number will change.

Bookkeeper Joanne Kratz left the workshop at 7:52 pm

Supervisor Macko began to discuss the Greenville Rescue Squad (GRS, Inc.) Inc.'s requested budget. He reported that in 2016, \$100,000 was contributed by the Town for this service. By 2019, \$277,500 was contributed. The request for 2020 was up 38.2% from 2019, to \$383,500. The Greene EMS charge of \$29,212 must still be added to this line as well. Supervisor Macko feels for a population of 3,700, \$200 per person is 'absurd' for the total cost for emergency services which Fire and Rescue provide.

Councilman Richards stated he didn't want to discuss this budget without there being a representative present to discuss the request. He wants to know where they are tonight, and what the justification for the increase is. Stated, "I'm not against the increased budget, because I believe it's one of the most important services for this town. The service is needed by the town, but they must be here to justify it. Until they come, my answer is 'no'."

Councilman Travis Richards left the workshop at 7:58 pm

A budget from GRS, Inc. had been received by Supervisor Macko but not provided this evening.

CEO Overbaugh noted that only he and the Bookkeeper were here representing their departments, and thought all department heads would be present at these workshops.

Shared service options will be discussed with the Towns of Cairo and Durham for Animal Control services. Further investigation and review is necessary for the Greenville Rescue Squad and the health insurance lines. A tentative budget is also still needed from the Greenville Fire District.

A second budget workshop has already been scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Pioneer Town Hall.

Mr. Bear moved to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Supervisor Macko stated not to close the meeting yet as there was still an important issue to address.

Ms. Anita Zibura was present for that motion and statement, and then exited the meeting room.

Supervisor Macko addressed the issue related to a BAN. The town is paying off the Water BAN on Wednesday in the amount of \$302,070. Noted we barely had that available in the Water Account, and wanted approval for the Sidewalk Account to lend money to the Water Account to pay off the BAN, while we await reimbursements.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to allow this loan, if needed, from the Sidewalk Account Fund to the Water District, and to be reimbursed from the Environmental Facilities Corporation as the money comes in.

Carried 3 ayes.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. RICHARDS