

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
WORKSHOP/MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2013
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ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

Councilman Bayly	Present
Councilwoman Bentley	Present
Councilwoman Cropsey	Present
Councilman Slavin	Present
Supervisor Jacangelo	Present

NON VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk

Supervisor Jacangelo opened the Workshop/Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Supervisor Jacangelo noted that J. Grattan has left her position of secretary to the Planning and Zoning Boards. The position was advertised and interviews have already been conducted. Motion by Slavin, seconded by Bayly and carried to hire Annette Davidson for the Planning and Zoning Board secretary at an hourly rate of \$13.75 with hours to be discussed but along the same as the previous secretary's hours. J. Grattan will be available for training Ms. Davidson.

Supervisor Jacangelo reported that this workshop tonight was for the purpose of presenting the 2014 Tentative Budget. Town Board members had copies of the Tentative Budget in their packets and Chet Roberts, Accountant was present to discuss the 2014 Tentative Budget figures.

The Supervisor asked for any public comment and S. Valente, Town resident and PBA President questioned whether tonight's meeting was the Public Hearing on the 2014 budget. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that the actual public hearing would be held on October 17th and that tonight's meeting was just a workshop to go over the tentative budget figures that were generated from each department head. The Supervisor reviewed some of the budget lines which included, the Fire Co., Library, Assessor and certain other departments. The Fire Company was looking for a 1% increase for 2014 (1st yr. of a 2 yr. contract) plus \$10,000 towards their heating system. The second year of their contract (2015) they are looking for a 3% increase plus \$10,000 towards their furnace. A question arose regarding the large increase in the Assessor's .1 line. Supervisor Jacangelo explained that the Assessor expects to take a leave of absence in the upcoming year and he does not feel it is reasonable to have someone come in at the salary that the current assessor is being paid. The current Assessor's salary was reduced in 2009 to \$5,000 when he retired from NYS and his town salary was capped and the hours were reduced pursuant to income limitations imposed by NYS Retirement System. Town Accountant, C. Roberts, explained the budget process and that tonight's meeting is what the town calls a "wish list" which means the department heads filled out their budget requests for amounts that they were looking for. It is the town board's job to review these figures and adjust where they feel adjustments are needed. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that this tentative budget exceeds the cap by \$56,020. He further stated that he wants a 0% tax increase. Estimated sales tax and mortgage tax have both been increased in this budget.

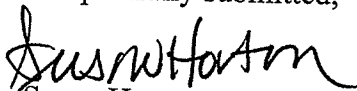
L. Lundgren, President of the Library spoke on the Library referendum issue that will be on the November ballot. The last time this was done was in 2007. The amount to be voted on by the electorate is \$59,290. Councilman Bayly said that when the library was created it was all volunteers. The town maintains the building and he feels that it is a "slap in the face" to the town to do this referendum. He said that he is not just speaking for himself because many other people have said the same thing. Councilwoman Bentley feels it's a good thing for it to be on the ballot in November for the people to decide. Councilman Slavin stated that anytime the library is looking for an amount higher than the cost of living increases that the town usually allows, they revert to the NYS Education Law§259(1).

R. Brunet, Code Enforcement Officer explained his increase request as well as his clerk's for the year 2014. His water revenue was also discussed as well as his water budget request. What the town board decides will appear in the Preliminary Budget which will be available at the October 17th meeting. Councilwoman Bentley inquired about the Supervisor's secretary's request and Supervisor Jacangelo reported that she would be getting a 2% increase plus an additional incentive. Planning and Zoning members will be receiving a 2% increase. The board then turned to the highway budget and discussed at length the new equipment that is out for bid as well as the highway appropriated funds.

Supervisor Jacangelo stated that the town clerk's position as well as the code enforcement officer are redefined positions and he feels that they deserve what they are asking for and should not be held to the 2% increase. Councilwoman Bentley felt that the assessor's clerk should also be compensated for her extra duties. It was the consensus of the town board to compensate the code enforcer's clerk more than the 2% increase that most town employees would be receiving. Councilman Slavin wanted to know about the tent that the summer program was using at the Fire house and whether or not it was rented. If this was the case, he felt the town should purchase one. It was also discussed about the storz connections for the water hydrants and whether or not the 2013 water budget would allow the purchase of some of these connections.

Motion by Bayly, seconded by Bentley and carried to adjourn this workshop/meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Horton

Town Clerk