TOWN BOARD MINUTES TOWN OF POESTENKILL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP

October 5, 2017 (Not approved at time of distribution)

NON VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk

ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

Present

Councilwoman Butler

Present

Councilman Hass Councilman Van Slyke

Present

Councilman Wohlleber

Present

Supervisor Jacangelo

Present

Supervisor Jacangelo opened the Workshop with the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and he asked if anyone wanted to address the Board or if they had any comments.

This workshop was held to discuss the proposed Town Budget for 2018. Supervisor Jacangelo explained the budget process. The results of the discussion of the draft tentative budget this evening will result in a public hearing on the Preliminary Budget that is scheduled for October 19th at 7 p.m. The figure as it stands now in the Tentative Budget, is a one cent decrease from the Town tax rate per \$1,000 of the current 2017 budget. The Supervisor reviewed the figures line by line and reported that a 2% increase was given to the Town Clerk and the Highway Superintendent as they requested. Most other employees were given a 2% increase also. The Supervisor and the Town Board were not given an increase as they didn't request one. The Fire Company budget was increased by 2%; however, they had asked for 3% with some enhancements. L. Basle spoke on the budget figures along with several of the Town Board members. There was also a discussion about the Fire House parking lot and the need for repair/new and how it will be paid for. In the Highway union contract for this coming year, the employees are receiving a 2% increase and normally the Town increase follows with the same. Councilman Wohlleber stated that he was under the impression when the raises for the elected officials were given last year that that was the first in a while. There was more discussion on the increases. Supervisor Jacangelo stated this can be discussed again during the Organizational Meeting when the salaries are set. Councilman Hass feels that it is better to do the small increases yearly.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and an oral vote of 5 ayes to adopt the changes as discussed, this evening which include a 2% increase to the two elected officials who requested the increase and to increase the Fire Company budget by the 3% that they requested. As stated prior, these figures now become the Preliminary Budget figures. After the budget had been reviewed, Supervisor Jacangelo stated that he anticipated another public hearing on October 19th regarding the cable franchise. Councilman Van Slyke wanted to make a motion to have a line item of \$25,000 for ambulance service added to the budget. Supervisor Jacangelo said that there should be caution doing this and that the entire Town Board has agreed that something regarding ambulance services will be done. There was no second to this motion.

Supervisor Jacangelo noted the passing of Mr. Tomaselli this past week and that he will be sadly missed. The discussion continued and it was decided that this would discussed further in Executive Session.

Motion by Jacangelo, seconded by Butler and carried to enter into Executive Session at 8:35 pm. to discuss a personnel issue with no votes being taken during the session. Motion by Hass, seconded by Wohlleber and carried to immediately adjourn this meeting at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

ysan Horton, Town Clerk