

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 10, 2019
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ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

Councilwoman Butler	Present
Councilman Hass	Present
Councilman Van Slyke	Present
Councilman Wohlleber	Absent
Supervisor Jacangelo	Present

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Susan Horton, Town Clerk
J. Casey, Town Attorney (Absent)

Supervisor Jacangelo opened the Workshop with the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He proceeded by saying that the figures that were presented at the last Town Board meeting to Board members were just straight submissions by the Department Heads and had not been worked on in any matter or form. During the intervening weeks, he explained that he and the bookkeeper/secretary have been working on the figures. Councilman Van Slyke wanted to make a motion to add a line to the budget for Emergency Medical Services and Supervisor Jacangelo stated that he would like to review what they had first before entertaining any motion and Councilman Van Slyke was agreeable to that answer.

Supervisor Jacangelo wanted to start with the revenue for the 2020 budget and referred Town Board members to that page in the Tentative Budget. He explained there are significant changes figure wise (up) in Sales/ Mortgage Taxes and interest. There was a lengthy discussion among Board members regarding the Youth Program figures.

The Highway Revenue was also discussed. This budget reflects paying off the highway bond. Next summer the bond will be completely paid off including interest and bond counsel. Supervisor Jacangelo recommends to the Town Board that this bond should be paid off because it is so low.

Supervisor Jacangelo said that the Board members had to decide if there were going to be personnel increases across the board and what that increase would be. In the past that was the case with some exceptions. Councilwoman Butler feels that some of the budget requests were poorly handled as far as what they were asking for. She doesn't feel that you can justify 2% until you figure out what they are making now and how many hours they work and who gets health coverage and things like that. Supervisor Jacangelo said that over the years the normal increase for personnel has been 2%. Supervisor Jacangelo reviewed the budget lines with Board members. There was a proposal to increase the Assessor's contractual line to \$3,500. The data processing line was also discussed with a plan that pc's would be turned in every 5 years or so; the server has to be replaced this year to accompany the window's 10 install. The Code Enforcement line was discussed, and the figure reflects increased hours if necessary, with an increase in his secretary's hours also.

T. Russell, Chairman of the Planning Board spoke about extra hours for the Planning Board secretary and also he requested a 5% increase for the Planning Board attorney. He further stated

that the current Planning Board is willing to take a reduction in their quarterly salary in order for the Alternate to be paid. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that R. Ryan Planning Board Attorney has not had an increase in his salary since he had been Supervisor and he doesn't have an issue with a 5% increase. As for the Planning Board/ZBA secretary and the Code Enforcement Secretary, Supervisor Jacangelo would like to see a combined proposal as to where she is going from and to. He feels that the Alternate be paid the salary that the Planning Board members are paid without a reduction to the current members salary. Supervisor Jacangelo also included monies for a new heat pump for the town hall in this budget and he stated that he got a onetime expense of approximately \$58,000 for an Air Capture System for the Highway Garage was included in this budget. There was a discussion about installing the system in the two Firehouses with the Town sharing in some of the cost if they do not get their grant and this somehow would be written into the Fire Company's service contract.

Councilwoman Butler reported that there have been discussions that in the future Towns are going to have to be responsible for cemeteries and their upkeep, etc. This is something she feels that the Board should think about down the road.

Supervisor Jacangelo stated that the Board can have a discussion at next week's Town Board meeting as to whether or not certain things should be cut out of the budget or if the figures should be left as they were discussed this evening and then a public hearing could be set on the Preliminary Budget. He is looking at a zero increase in taxes.

Councilman Van Slyke stated again that he is making a motion to add an Emergency Service Line of \$150,000-\$175,000. However, he received no second on the motion.

Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and carried to adjourn this Workshop at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Horton, Town Clerk