

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF POESTENKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2019

(Not approved at time of distribution)

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

Supervisor Jacangelo opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the Public Hearing at 7 p.m. on the Preliminary 2020 proposed Budget. The Affidavit of Publication was available for review. Supervisor Jacangelo reported that Michelle Asquith, Administrative Assistant pointed out one small error in the Water Budget regarding the calculation of numbers which the Supervisor went over with Board members.

Supervisor Jacangelo stated the proposed budget shows a .000390 increase, which is negligible. Looking at the General Fund, Highway, Fire and Library it works out to zero. His experience has been when adopting 0% budget it ends up going through County Real Property and ends up being below zero. The County does the final calculation, but it looks like we will be right where we want to be which is close to zero percent.

Supervisor Jacangelo asked if anyone would like to address the proposed Budget. M. Asquith questioned the Supervisor on the Fire Company. She stated she realizes we do not have a contract with them and in this Budget, they are only getting 2%. Supervisor Jacangelo stated he hopes to hold them to the 2% since the Town is purchasing an item for the Fire Company which would cost them more than 2%. M. Asquith also questioned the Supervisor about the Highway Superintendent's increase. Supervisor Jacangelo stated he already spoke with the Board and if they feel it is needed, they can do a Special Legislation regarding this issue. T. Russell, Planning Board Chairman, thanked the Board for their support. Supervisor Jacangelo stated he received L. Kane's hours from all (3) Departments which is included in this Budget. Councilwoman Butler asked how many hours were in the Budget for L. Kane. M. Asquith explained there was 40 hrs. per pay period (bi-weekly) set in the Budget. Supervisor Jacangelo also stated that if additional hours were needed, there is room in the budget to do so. Councilwoman Butler questioned Supervisor Jacangelo on where things stand regarding the Water Budget for R. Brunet, Water Manager and Rob Young, his Assistant. Supervisor Jacangelo stated that the money is in the Budget and the Board will have to decide at the Organizational Meeting in January on where to allocate the monies. T. Russell questioned the Data Processing line in the Budget. Supervisor Jacangelo explained the proposal is for a new server, new software to serve the network and (2) new PC's and then we will be on a schedule to replace all PC's over time and transition all PC's to Windows 10.

Supervisor Jacangelo stated since this will be the last Budget he will be doing, he wanted to say over all the years we have been frugal with our Budgets, which made doing this Budget a lot easier. We have Capital items in the Budget such as paying off truck, installing air equipment, taking care of water system and computer system. It is also one of the things that takes most attention in terms of detail and whoever the Town Supervisor is they are the Chief Fiscal Officer and Chief Budget Officer so it comes down to them to look over all the numbers and make sure that everything works. The most difficult thing to understand in the Budget is the Water system. It is made up by fixed benefit units and revenue from a variety of different sources not all of which can be perfectly predictable. Supervisor Jacangelo stated in terms of budget the youth Bureau has been extremely successful. It is the biggest benefit for the younger families in town. It gives them the ability to send their children to camp which offers a safe place to hang out with friends and enjoy the opportunities that the camp offers. He also stated, the Board as a whole in terms of the Budget we have changing attitudes but come together as a whole. He stated that he appreciates working with the Board.

When everyone was given the opportunity to speak on the proposed budget, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

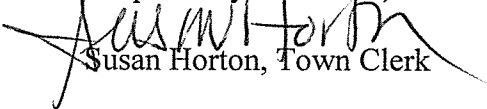
Approval of 2020 Preliminary Budget – Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke to accept the 2020 Preliminary Budget as amended and discussed this evening as the final adopted budget for 2020.

VOTED UPON AS FOLLOWS:

Councilwoman Butler:	YES
Councilman Hass:	YES
Councilman Van Slyke:	YES
Councilman Wohlleber:	ABSENT
Supervisor Jacangelo:	YES

Motion by Hass, seconded by Van Slyke and carried to adjourn this meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Horton, Town Clerk