

FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING-2020

AUGUST 28, 2019

6:00 p.m.-Supervisor Evera Sue Clary called the workshop meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Town Council Members: Harold Gilchrest; Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist; Clerk to Supervisor-Kathleen Chambers

Others Present: Travis Keys-Highway; Al Cormier-Deputy Historian & Historic Preservation District; Kim Erbe-Planning Board/Library Board

Absent: Councilman Bruce Ferguson (he had a Cossayuna Cemetery Committee mtg.)

Public Present: Ed Miller; Tim Braymer

Health Insurance Presentation by Debbie Bell-Health Insurance on the same plan as last year (MVP EPO Silver 3 HDHP-National) is going up 6.7% for the coming year (\$554.74 to \$592.07 for an individual plan/month); anything with a lower increase/rate has to be an HMO. A National Plan means you can access any doctor anywhere in the U.S.; HMO needs carrier special permission to see doctor out-of-network. There currently single person & two-person coverages on current plan but no families. Debbie did provide a list w/some of the Vermont doctors. Comparisons were give w/other plans that are available; she also had hand-outs for Travis to take back to the highway dep't. guys. MVP HMO Silver 3 HDHP, CDPHP Silver HDHMO 324, CDPHP Gold HDHMO Smart Ded, & Blue Shield Bronze Value HMO are all local (cannot go out of network w/drs. w/o obtaining special permission). Figures were also provided for MVP EPO Bronze 6 HDHP & CDPHP Bronze HDEPO 421, which are both national plans. The Board will have to review the plans and figure out what to do. Thank you to Debbie for always providing a wealth of information and always being available to answer whatever questions anyone may have.

Mobile Home Application-Tim Braymer was present w/his mobile home application to place a brand new double wide home on 3.2 acres of land, located @ 202 Quarry Road (next to his property @ 190 Quarry Road); tax map #210.-1-23.2. Electric entrance will be below ground; he is working w/Washington County Code Enforcement on slab, water, & septic. **Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to approve the placement of a new double-wide mobile home on the 3.2 acre parcel, as presented; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Harold Gilchrest; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary (Councilman Ferguson absent)

Crossing Guard Position-Travis Keys introduced Ed Miller, who has accepted the position of Crossing Guard at a rate of \$15.00/hour. **Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to hire Ed Miller @ a rate of \$15.00/hour as Crossing Guard for the 2019-2020 school year; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Howard Law, Marcus Blanck, Harold Gilchrest; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary (Councilman Bruce Ferguson absent) Ed will work w/Salem Central School regarding hours, changes, etc.

Sewer Committee Update-met on Monday, 08/26/2019, w/the new committee. Ron LaBerge was also present. The Committee will be meeting the 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m. in the Salem Town Office, unless otherwise advised. Next meeting will be September 24th, 2019; Clerk Gilchrist will put a notice in the Journal-Press regarding Sep't. & Oct. meetings. November & December meeting dates will need to be determined due to the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays. After much discussion with those present, it was decided to request the final report with any billing by October 1, 2019. **Motion made by** Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, instructing Supervisor Clary to send a letter to Ron LaBerge, requesting the final sewer report with billing statement by October 1, 2019; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Harold Gilchrest; Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Georgi Heating/Cooling Pump Bids-Big question: Where is money coming from to pay for this?? After much discussion between Board members, it was decided to table the bids until the September 11, 2019 meeting to allow for comparison of the bids. Councilman Blanck offered to have John Braymer look at the bids to compare the systems with each other if the Board wanted him to ask. **Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck to table the Heating/Cooling Pump Bids and have John Braymer look

at the bids for comparison if he agrees; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Harold Gilchrest; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary (Councilman Bruce Ferguson absent)

Trust Checks-Councilman Harold Gilchrest called the Trust Dep't.--\$8,000.00 was rec'd. in June of 2019; Sep't. & Dec. months should each see a check coming in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Town Insurance Update-Petrasano Insurance reviewed all buildings as well as the current insurance policy last week at their visit in anticipation of submitting a quote for coverage.

Glens Falls Nat'l. Bk. & Tr. Company Accounts-Kathy Chambers, Clerk to Supervisor & Supervisor Clary met w/ the bank—savings could go into CD's if the balance stays above \$535,000. Kathy needs to check financials/balances before Town makes a decision to change.

2020 Budget Sheets-Please have your 2020 budget sheets into Supervisor Clary by the regular September 11th Board meeting, if possible (they need to be in by September 20th by law).

Scheduling of Next 2020 Budget Workshop Meetings-Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to schedule the following dates for future meetings for 2020 budget review:

2nd meeting-Wednesday, 09/25, @ 6:00 p.m. in the Salem Town Office

3rd meeting-Wednesday, 10/02, @ 6:00 p.m. in the Salem Town Office

Regular Monthly Board Meeting-10/09, @ 6:00 p.m. in Salem Town Office for review of bills

4th meeting-Wednesday, 10/23, @ 6:00 p.m. in the Salem Town Office (if necessary)

Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget & Fire Contracts-Tentative Date 11/06/2019, time to be determined. A Legal Notice will need to be put in the paper for both Public Hearings, w/salaries listed, which cannot be done until the Preliminary Budget has been passed.

Adjourn the Meeting-Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to adjourn the First Budget Workshop meeting; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Councilman Harold Gilchrest; Marcus Blanck; Councilman Howard Law; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary (Councilman Ferguson absent). Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be the regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board to be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at the Salem Town Office; 214 Main Street; Salem, NY. Review of Warrants #9 & Abstract #9 will begin @ 6:00 p.m.; meeting will be called to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk

