

2018 PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE PROTECTION
2018 PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET
NOVEMBER 01, 2016

Present: Supervisor Seth Pitts; Town Council Members: Bruce Ferguson; Marcus Blanck; Harold Gilchrest; Laura Dunham; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist; Clerk to Supervisor-Kathleen Chambers

Others Present: Travis Keys-Highway; Rebecca Brown-Water Clerk; Al Cormier-Historian

Public Present: Evera Sue Clary; Kurt Winslow

6:00 p.m.-Supervisor Pitts opened the public hearing, stating that the increase was currently at 1.99%. The fire protection amounts in the 2018 budget must be approved for the Salem Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. & Shushan Volunteer Fire Departments at a cost of \$162,152 for Salem and \$50,938 for Shushan. **Resolution #88-Motion made by** Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to approve the amounts set for fire protection in the 2018 budget as follows:

Salem Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.-\$162,152.00

Shushan Volunteer Fire Department -\$ 50,938.00

Passed unanimously 5-0

COMMENTS

Councilman Bruce Ferguson commented that he felt \$200 more should be added to Line 12, Personal Services (Clerk) for Justice to bring the amount to what Justice Baylor had requested--\$4,000, taking \$200 from Line 22-Personal Services--Budget, making that amount \$2,000. Bottom line will not change the increase. Councilwoman Dunham commented that she realizes the amount of work being done but she felt that the 4% increase (her 2% and Justice Baylor's 2%) was certainly enough. **Resolution #89-Motion made by** Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to change Line 12, Personal Services (Clerk)-Justice to \$4,019 (adding \$200 to \$3,819 currently listed), taking \$200 from Line 22 Personal Services-Budget, making that line item \$2,000. Passed 4-1, with Councilwoman Dunham voting against.

Councilwoman Laura Dunham commented on Line 42-Contractual Expenses-Buildings (Proudfit), stating she felt the reduction from \$30,000 to \$19,000 was too low. She questioned how the \$19,000 was arrived at; Clerk to Supervisor Kathleen Chambers responded that she gave Supervisor Pitts the figures on what had been spent so far this year. As budget officer, Supervisor Pitts added money to the amount given him, figuring the \$19,000 would be sufficient for 2018. Councilwoman Dunham was still concerned that this would not be near enough for a whole year, given former Village Clerk Rebecca Brown's comments on how constant the expenses had been for the past six years. Rebecca provided a breakdown of expenses for the past six years, which Supervisor Pitts gave to Councilwoman Dunham. Supervisor Pitts replied that the 1.99% increase would go up if that line item was increased. Much discussion ensued, with Councilwoman Dunham making a motion to add one-half of the amount cut--\$5,500--to Line 42-Contractual Expenses-Buildings, making the total \$24,500. **Roll Call Vote:** Councilwoman Laura Dunham-Yes; Councilman Harold Gilchrest-No; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-No; Councilman Marcus Blanck-No; Supervisor Seth Pitts-No; motion failed to pass.

As required by law, Supervisor Pitts asked three (3) times if there were any further comments on the 2018 budget and there being none the following motion was made:

Resolution #90-Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to adopt the 2018 Preliminary Budget with the 1.99% increase as the final adopted budget for 2018. **Roll Call Vote:** Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilwoman Laura Dunham-Yes, with reservation; Councilman Marcus Blanck-Yes; Supervisor Seth M. Pitts-Yes; passed unanimously 5-0.

Resolution #91-Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to pay Riche Builder's, Todd Riche, the balance of the money due--\$4,420.00--for the renovations at the Courthouse Community Building for records storage, voucher for the same will be approved & signed tonight (11/01/2017). Passed unanimously 5-0

Resolution #92- At the request of Historian, Al Cormier, a resolution needs to be passed for the MU-1 NYS

Retention & Disposition Schedule to go with the grant application for records storage. **Motion made by Councilman** Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, adopting the NYS Retention & Disposition Schedule MU-1, appointing Town Clerk Patricia A. Gilchrist as RMO, looking forward to staff training in the records management Policies & Procedures Manual; passed unanimously 5-0

Motion to Adjourn-Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to adjourn the public hearing; passed unanimously 5-0; meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting-The next meeting will be the regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board on Wednesday, November 8th, 2017, review of Warrants #11 and Abstract #11 to begin at 6:30 p.m., regular monthly meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk