

THIRD 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

OCTOBER 02, 2019

Present: Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Town Council Members: Marcus Blanck; Bruce Ferguson; Howard Law; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist; Clerk to Supervisor-Kathleen Chambers
Others Present: Travis Keys-Highway; Kim Erbe-Planning Board & Library

Absent: Town Councilman Harold Gilcrest

Public Present: David Higby; Nancy Higby; Brenda J. Levey

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Discussion took place re the Chamber of Commerce Basket of Cheer raffle; raffle has been cancelled.

Attorney Alan Wrigley has petitioned Surrogate's Court for de-accessioning of furniture items; has still not heard back w/a date from the Surrogate's Court.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of 2020 budget w/changes made from 09/25/19 meeting

Highway-Travis reported that the cost for two new boxes would be around \$100,000 (\$50,000 each). Could buy one outright & take out BAN for \$50,000 on second box; BAN for \$100,000 for both; buy one & wait on the other one. Travis will put a bid together for purchase of one box & get to Clerk Gilchrist to put in paper. Waiting time for delivery is approximately 7-8 months!!

5130.2-Machinery-New Equipment-\$140,000 down to \$90,000

5130.4-Machinery-Contractual-o.k. @ \$120,000

No salt price rec'd. yet; VT paid \$117/ton!

Fire Protection-Salem & Shushan-Take ¼% off both; Kathy will plug in new figures for next week.

Line 242-Total Georgi Fund Expenditures-will now be \$53,725 (Jeanne Smith added, as well as docents)

Health Insurance Approval-Resolution #81-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to continue with Debbie Bell from Alliance as the Town's Health Insurance Broker & to stay with the MVP EPO Silver 3 HDHP National plan, with a 6.7% increase per month for the following plans in 2020: Individual-\$592.07 (was \$554.74); Employee w/Spouse-\$1,184.14 (was \$1,109.48); Employee w/child or children; \$1,006.52 (was \$943.06); Family-\$1,687.40 (was \$1,581.01). This plan will still allow doctor visits out of state, with coverage anywhere across the country; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Bruce Ferguson; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary (Councilman Gilcrest absent)

Clerk to Supervisor Kathy Chambers reported that the CDPHP Senior Blue will see no increase in cost or coverage so 65 & over will remain the same as 2019.

NYMIR Insurance Contract-Supervisor Clary asked Melissa from Northern Insuring to break out the costs for the Georgi Museum. Payment due early next week on renewal. Issue w/caterer charging for liquor on the Georgi grounds at a wedding; needed an additional bond because they would be serving & charging. The caterer provided & all is good now.

Petrasano Insurance-Haven't heard anything from them after provided all paperwork requested. Councilman Law will contact first thing in the morning to see where that stands. Hopefully, they can at least say they can be competitive w/the rates.

OLD BUSINESS

Former Village Park Lighting-Jim Carrolan will volunteer his time to replace the seven (7) front light bulbs at a cost of \$683 (**not** the back lights). He has already done one; they will all match when he is done. **Motion made by** Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, approving the estimate from Jim Carrolan for the replacement of the seven (7) front light bulbs at the front of the park @ a cost of \$683; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Bruce Ferguson; Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary (Councilman Gilcrest absent)

Motion to adjourn-Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Howard I, to adjourn the third budget workshop meeting for the 2020 budget process; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Councilman Bruce Ferguson; Councilman Howard Law; Councilman Marcus Blanck; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary. (Councilman Gilchrest absent); meeting adjourned @ 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem

