

SPECIAL MEETING-SALEM TOWN BOARD
FIRST 2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

Present: Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Town Council Members: Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Brenda Levey; Laura Dunham; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist; Clerk to Supervisor-Kathleen Chambers

Excused: Travis Keys-H'Way/Water (At a H'way. meeting)

Absent: Eric Rogers-Water; Maurice Patrick-Planning Bd.; Judy Flagg-Historian/Records Mg'mt.; Rebecca Brown-Water Clerk; Salem & Shushan Fire Dep't. representatives

Public Present: Nobody

5:15 pm-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Clary, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Trial Balances-Provided thru August 31, 2022

2023 Budget-Supervisor Clary advised the Board that she had plugged in a 10% salary increase across the board, which would amount to an approximate \$13,000 budget increase. (Travis Keys, H'Way. Sup't., has requested a \$6,000 salary increase, not including benefits.) Cost of inflation is now at 7.5%. Discussion among Board members; some uncomfortable w/that much of an increase w/the tough times the town is facing & the fact that Salem & Shushan Fire Dep'ts. & Salem Rescue Squad would not receive the same increase. No actual budget presented as not all figures were available to plug into the proper line items.

No Justice figures; no figures on buildings

Library has requested increase from \$32,000 to \$34,000

Jean McLenithan, as Assessor, will stay the same.

Attorney is staying the same @ \$7,500

FYI-Travis sent an email from his meeting stating that even @ \$23/hour, Towns are not able to hire or keep help.

Printer Issues-Clerk to Supervisor-Kathy has been having constant issues w/printing; she prints a few sheets & has to shut down the system & start over. She will ask Joe Wever & Mark Rode to take a look at her system issues to see if there is any fixing to it.

Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, to move forward with the purchase of a new printer for Clerk to Supervisor Chambers if Joe Wever & Mark Rode determine the issues cannot be fixed; passed unanimously 5-0.

Supervisor Clary & Clerk to Supervisor Chambers will work on plugging in figures on the appropriate line items in the 2023 Budget for the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn-**Motion made by** Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to adjourn the 1st 2023 Budget Workshop meeting of the Salem Town Board; passed unanimously 5-0; meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Next Meeting of the Salem Town Board will be the 2nd 2023 Budget Workshop meeting, to be held on September 28, 2022, beginning @ 5:15 pm in the Georgi Community Room.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem

