

SPECIAL MEETING-SALEM TOWN BOARD
2nd 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023-6 p.m.-PROUDFIT HALL

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

Absent:-Eric Rogers-Water; Maurice Patrick-Planning Bd.; Kim Erbe-Planning Bd./Library; Judy Flagg-Historian/Records Mg'mt.; Herb Perkins-Courthouse/Sewer Com.; Rebecca Brown-Water Clerk

Public Present: Nobody

6:00 PM-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Clary, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Town Attorney-Attorney Klingebiel cannot make any Board meetings; possibility of meeting virtually w/ Dave. Could keep Dave as just the Town attorney & do an RFP to Georgi & Sewer matters or Dave can suggest/find someone & he bills for them. Sue will call Dave & see how he wants to proceed.

Georgi Items-Clarify the specs on work needed: ADA project & deck access from back two separate projects; Councilman Law will work on this. Councilwoman Levey will get in touch w/Corinna Aldrich from Soil & Water re DEC regulations. Georgi 2024 Budget presented by Councilwoman Levey. Add LARAC in the am't. of \$1,500 to total Revenues for Wash. Co. Bank, Al & Kathy Bain & Fall into Shushan. Revenue figures would change from \$52,900 to \$54,400. Would need to take same am't from the Appropriations; increase insurance from \$3,800 to \$4,600 (an increase of \$800). Total increases from \$48,020 to \$50,320, w/o Jeanne's retirement, which needs to be added to the Appropriations. Would like to request \$12,000 from ARPA funds: \$500 for Waite's Assoc. & \$2,500 for Buddy Nolan tree removal for a total of \$3,000 & \$9,000 for ADA handicap accessibility.

Clerk to Supervisor Chambers will do Georgi trial balance figures through the end of Sep't. for next meeting. Memberships are now gone, only donations can be made through Express Pay.

REVIEW OF 2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET FIGURES

Tax Cap-Supervisor Clary advised the Board that the tax cap for the T/O/S was only 1.02% & the 2024 Budget could only be increased by \$32,000 to stay within this cap. (\$20,000 already committed to the Court-house so Budget can only be increased by \$12,000 to stay w/in the tax cap.) Will most certainly have to override the 2024 tax cap.

Supervisor Clary asked Clerk to Supervisor Chambers to plug in 3% increase across the board for salaries, Fire Dep'ts., Rescue Squads, etc. This does not include the H'Way or Water employees.

Line 17-Supervisor-Con't. Exps.-No figure there now; need to figure where acc't. stands @ end of Sep't.

Line 33-Attorney-Con't.-\$12,000 to \$15,000-Will be paying for BAN preparation that hasn't come due yet

Line 41-Buildings-BBT-\$25,000 to \$27,000

Line 44-Central Printing/Mailing-Con't.-\$3,250 in 2023 to \$3,300-price of stamps keeps increasing

Line 49-Other Gov't. Support IT Line Item under Special Items-\$10,000 in Budget to go towards Mark Rode's quote; Looking @ purchasing @ least five (5) dell 14" laptop computers (Mark will check prices; Supervisor Clary will check w/Wash. Co.)

Line 50-Contingent-Special Items-\$12,000 if Courthouse does not receive grant money; will need to add \$20,000 if they do.

Line 80-Sup't. of Highways-Personal Svcs.-Travis asked for \$56,000; increase from \$53,878 to \$54,500

Line 97- Con't. Exp.-Economic Development-Increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000

Line 98-Con't. Exp.-Sewer-Decrease from \$5,000 to \$1,000

Line 154-Hospital/Medical-Employee Benefits -Con't.-Increase from \$22,000 in 2023 to \$25,000 for 2024; Debbie Bell, broker, reports 12% increase in Health Insurance

Line 179-Sales Tax-Local Sources-Leave @ \$17,744-20% in General (80% in H'Way)

Line 188-Rental of Real Property-GF Hospital-Use of Money & Property-\$10,200; could go from \$850/mo. to \$950/mo. w/two (2)-year contract; Dave working on the Lease Agreement

Line 209-AIM-Misc.-Leave @ \$23,578; this is NYS revenue

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Line 261-ARPA under Museum-Remove \$9,000; go to \$0

Line 264-TOTAL GEORGE FUND REVENUES-Decrease from \$49,900 to \$40,900

Line 267-UNEXPENDED BAL. GEORGE-Change from (\$8,680) -to- (\$9,680)

Water-Page 8-Leave as if for now; need to get figures from Rebecca

Motion to Adjourn-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, to adjourn the 2nd 2024 Budget Workshop meeting; passed unanimously 5-0; meeting was adjourned @ 8:16 p.m.

3rd 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting-will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, @ 6 p.m. in Proudfit Hall; 181 Main Street; Salem, NY

4th 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting-will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, @ 6 p.m. in Proudfit Hall; 181 Main Street; Salem, NY

Next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Salem Town Board will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, @ Proudfit Hall, beginning @ 5:00 pm for review& approval of Warrants #10 & Abstract #10 for payment. Regular business meeting will begin @ 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem

