

**SPECIAL MEETING-SALEM TOWN BOARD**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 04, 2023-6 p.m.-PROUDFIT HALL**

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

**Others Present:** Travis Keys-H'way/Water; Wyeth Coburn-Sewer Comm.

**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

**Dell Computer Purchase**-Supervisor Clary sent the Dell quote to all Board members for their consideration. She advised that there was a total gained in interest in the General account of \$5,712.26 that could be used for the purchase of the laptops.

**Resolution #74-Motion made by** Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to move forward with the purchase of six (6) laptops, taking the money from the interest earned in the General account; passed unanimously 5-0. Clerk to Supervisor Chambers advised that a Budget increase would be made in the .2 Equipment line when purchased.

**Resolution #75-Executive Session-Motion made by** Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Tom McMorris, to go into Executive Session to discuss union contract matters; passed unanimously 5-0.

Items reviewed & discussion ensued.

**Out of Executive Session-Motion made by** Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to come out of Executive Session; passed unanimously 5-0.

**REVIEW OF 2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET FIGURES-Town Clerk must have Tentative Budget by 10/05/2023**

**Line 17-Supervisor-Con't. Exps.**-Plug in \$6,000 for Supervisor-Contractual

**Line 18-TOTAL-Supervisor**-Total will now be \$33,988

**Line 33-Attorney-Con't.**-\$12,000 to \$15,000

**Line 34-TOTAL-Attorney**-Total will now be \$15,000

**Line 50-Contingent-Special Items**-Leave @ \$12,000 for now

**Line 53-TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T. SUPPORT**-Total will now be \$269,436

**Line 59-Personal Svcs.-(Compliance-Mario)-PUBLIC SAFETY**-Should be \$2,832

**Line 61-TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY**-Total will now be \$3,036

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

**Line 82-TOTAL-Sup't. of Highways**-Total will now be \$57,500

**Line 93 & Line 94-Con't. Exp.-Veterans**-Decrease from \$250 to \$0

**Line 99-TOTAL-Economic Development**-Total will now be \$3,000

**Line 138-Con't.-Planning Bd.**-Increase from \$500 to \$1,040

**Line 139-TOTAL-Planning Bd.**-Total will now be \$5,331

**Line 146-Con't. Exp.-Cemeteries**-Increase from \$9,000 to \$11,700

**Line 147-TOTAL-Cemeteries**-will not be \$11,700

**Line 149-TOTAL HOME & COMM SVCS**-Total will now be \$22,797

**Line 152-State Retirement-Employee Benefits**-\$23,000 for 2024

**Line 153-Social Security-Employee Benefits**-\$14,000 for 2024

- Line 155-TOTAL-Employee Benefits-Total will now be \$62,000--after plugging in Retirement & Soc. Sec.
- Line 175-Int./Penalty on Real Property-Local Sources-Decrease from \$4,800 to \$4,200
- 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 215-Mortgage Tax-State Aid-Decrease from \$45,000 to \$30,000
- Line 217-Total-State Aid-Total will now be \$163,047 (down from \$178,047)
- Line 220-TOTAL GEN. FUND REVENUES-TOWNWIDE-Total will now be \$224,890 (down from \$240,490)
- Line 275-Personal Svcs.-General Repairs-Increase from \$145,000 to \$169,811
- Line 280-TOTAL-General Repairs-Total will now be \$343,811
- Line 296-Personal Svcs.-Snow Removal-Decrease from \$138,000 to \$106,132
- Line 301-TOTAL-Snow Removal-Total will now be \$282,132 (down from \$314,000)
- Line 303-TOTAL TRANSPORTATION-Total will now be \$1,518,923 (down from \$1,525,980)
- Line 306-State Retirement-Employee Benefits-Increase from \$16,693 to \$17,000
- Line 311/312-TOTAL & TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-Total will now be \$78,500 (up from \$78,193)
- Line 317-Principal (boxes)-Debt Service-Figure should be \$25,000—not \$2,500
- Line 318-TOTAL-Total will now be \$57,000
- Line 328/329-TOTAL HIGHWAY APPROP. TOWNWIDE-Total will now be \$1,661,423 (up from \$1,645,673)
- Line 428/429/434-Con't. Exp.-Shushan Lighting District & TOTAL-Increase from \$7,200 to \$9,800
- Line 473-General-Summary of Tentative Town Budget 2024-Total will now be \$526,561; **Less Estimated Revenues**-will now be \$224,890; **Am't. to be raised by taxes**-Total will now be \$199,171 (up from \$134,410)
- Line 475-Highway-Total will now be \$1,661,423; **Am't. to be raised by taxes** will now be \$1,058,447
- Line 478-TOTAL will now be \$2,187,984; **Less Estimated Revenues**-will now be \$727,866; **Total Am't. to be raised by taxes**-Total will now be \$1,257,618 (up from \$1,257,618)
- Line 482-Shushan Lighting-Am't. to be raised by taxes-Total will now be \$9,800
- Line 489-TOTAL-Lighting Districts; Fire Protection & Water District-**Total Am't. to be raised by taxes**-Total will now be \$1,546,299 (up from \$1,543,699)
- Line 529-General-Am't. to be raised by taxes-Total will now be \$199,171 (up from \$134,410); **Estimated Taxable Prop. Values**-will now be 0.77 (up from 0.52)
- Line 530-Highway-Am't. to be raised by taxes-Total will now be \$1,058,447 (up from \$1,042,697)
- Line 531-TOTAL-Estimated Taxable Prop. Values-Total will now be 4.85 (up from 4.54)
- Line 533-Shushan Lighting-Am't. to be raised by taxes-Total will now be \$9,800; **Estimated Taxable Prop. Values**-Total will now be .72 (up from .53)
- Line 538-TOTAL-Am't. to be raised by taxes-Total will now be \$1,450,299 (up from \$1,447,699)

**Shushan Lighting District**-NYSEG will investigate eliminating the meter in switch; lock was cut again. Leaving lights on will cost approximately \$50/mo. or a total of \$600 for the year.

**Resolution #76**-Motion made by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, to override the 2024 tax cap & set the Public Hearing for the same on October 18, 2023 @ 6 p.m. in Proudfit Hall; 181 Main Street; Salem, NY, at the beginning of the regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board; passed unanimously 5-0

**Candidate Meet & Greet @ the Georgi C.R.**-Motion made by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, for a 'Meet & Greet' the Candidates (those running for Town Offices) on 10/26/2023 in the Georgi Community Room; passed unanimously 5-0

**Motion to Adjourn**-Motion made by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to adjourn the 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 Budget Workshop meeting; passed unanimously 5-0; meeting was adjourned @ 7:45 p.m.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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

