

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Supervisor Samuel J. Hall
Councilman George F. Smith
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark
Councilman Michael Sexton
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Helen Denno, Budget Officer, Regina Ladd, Mike Gould, Jon Lashinsky, Floyd Ladd, Mary Davis, Rick Dumas

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

This meeting was published in The Post Star October 6, 2021.

The purpose of this special meeting is to review and update the 2022 tentative budget from the October 5, 2021 budget workshop.

Supervisor Hall turned the meeting over to Helen Denno, Budget Officer, to go over the 2021 Tentative Budget. (Paper copies were made available to those present.)

Helen stated there were no changes from last budget workshop except the hourly rate for Lifeguard had been changed from \$13.50/hr. to \$16.00/hr. on the 2022 salary schedule.

Helen advised that there was a retirement decrease which reduced the budget by \$24,934.00 and it was already under cap by \$2,404.00 which gives the town \$27,338.00 to play with and still stay under budget.

Supervisor Hall asked the Budget Officer to turn to the section of the budget where the Fire Companies are listed. The Budget Officer directed everyone to page 13. The Budget Officer stated that all the contracts are the same in 2022 as they were in 2021 as it stands right now.

The Budget Officer stated there was a shortage in 2021 LOSAP for West Fort Ann of \$3,533.00 so the Town of Fort Ann floated a loan to make sure the LOSAP contributions could be paid but now West Fort Ann Fire Company needs to reimburse the Town of Fort Ann for that amount. It has to be put back in the General Fund for the WFA fire district taxpayers.

Supervisor Hall said he was a little confused so he asked Floyd Ladd of the West Fort Ann Fire Company to go over what the new truck payment would be. Supervisor Hall stated he asked the other night what would happen if they didn't approve the \$114,000.00 (represents ETA463 and new truck) because that would include the new truck payment what would be the difference. Supervisor Hall thought Mr. Ladd said the other night it was \$16,000.00. Mr. Ladd stated that's when he let it be known that the contract budget would be \$17,000.00 on top of the budget they currently have. Mr. Ladd stated \$16,000.00 is added into the \$114,000.00.

Floyd Ladd said the new truck payment would be \$51,000.00 payment not due until July 2022. Mr. Ladd stated they had to trim back their budget in several areas like buildings and grounds. He stated one (1)

truck ETA462 will be paid off in March 2022 to pay off Rescue465. Haven't been able to sell ETA462 yet because it just got dropped off for repairs yesterday. Mr. Ladd stated they have spent almost \$60,000.00 in repairs over the last two (2) years. It is unknown how much the current repairs will be. Mr. Ladd said this was not adding a truck it is replacing a truck to their fleet. Supervisor Hall asked how long a truck can last. Mr. Ladd responded can get twenty (20) years depending on use. Mr. Ladd wanted to remind everyone that Mitch Beck is leaving but he's still the chief for another week.

Supervisor Hall said he's hearing a lot of chatter at places like Stewart's and wants to prepare for the public hearing when there are comments like there was just a new truck five (5) years ago.

Supervisor Hall asked Regina Ladd of the Fort Ann EMS if they were good with their budget.

The Budget Officer wanted to verify with Mr. Ladd that \$13,500.00 is being added to the WFA contract.

The Budget Officer stated a 2% increase was figured into everyone's salary.

The Budget Officer stated the Highway Superintendent asked for \$0.50 an hour raise for the highway employee's. The Budget Officer estimates these increases with SS to be approximately \$11,000.00.

The Deputy Highway Superintendent hasn't had an increase in quite a while so she had put in \$3,000.00 from \$2,000.00 which the Highway Superintendent asked for this position.

RESOLUTION #62-2021

TO ADOPT 2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO RECOME PRELIMINARY BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Adopt 2022 Tentative Budget to become Preliminary Budget."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Sexton, Smith, Stark, Witherell, Hall

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board adopts the 2022 preliminary budget with changes made to the 2022 tentative budget.

Motion was made by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Winchell, Town Clerk
Town of Fort Ann, New York

Dated: October 24, 2021