

Minutes November 9, 2022
Public Hearings

OPENING of Town Board meeting
ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

6:30PM

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor John Cammarata
Board members: Bob Whitmore
Shane Butler
Pam Holcomb and
Russell Wark

ALSO: Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Phil Montelione
Roger Barrows, DCO

The purpose of the meeting was to hold Public Hearings on the budgets of the Genegantslet and Smithville Center fire districts which are part of the Town of Smithville Budget, and also a Public Hearing on the Preliminary 2023 Budget for the Town of Smithville. This year also is a Public Hearing for Local Law # 1 to "Override the 2% Tax Cap Levy for the 2023 Budget"

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Genegantslet Fire Company Contract:

6:30PM

The Legal notice was read by Town Clerk Owens and Supervisor Cammarata declared the Public Hearing OPEN. There were no comments. Supervisor Cammarata declared the Public Hearing CLOSED

Smithville Center Fire Contract:

The Legal notice was ready by Town Clerk Owens and Supervisor Cammarata declared the Public Hearing OPEN. There were no comments. Supervisor Cammarata declared the Public Hearing CLOSED

RESOLUTION # 53 (2022): APPROVE THE GENEGANTSLET AND SMITHVILLE CENTER FIRE CONTRACTS FOR 2023

On a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Holcomb, the following Resolution was passed.

AYES Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Cammarata

NAYES 0

ABSTAIN Whitmore

RESOLVED to approve the proposed Genegantslet and Smithville Center Fire contract budgets for 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING to Override the 2% Tax Cap Levy for the 2023 Budget

6:40PM

Town Clerk Owens read the legal ad as published in the Evening Sun. Supervisor Cammarata declared the hearing OPEN.

Supervisor Cammarata indicated that due to increases in the cost of Town insurance, Health insurance, NYS's Local Retirement system, machinery repairs to the Highway equipment in the Highway Dept., Highway employees hourly wage increases and diesel fuel cost increases, it is necessary to raise the overall 2023 Budget by 6.7%. The overall figures are Highway: \$397,457.00 and General \$68,954.

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Supervisor Cammarata said the Gradall is still in SYR being repaired. The part it needs (block manifold) will not be available for 8 months and will cost \$5500. Yacano may be able to locally find the part once the Gradall is returned to Smithville.

The 2002 Volvo has transmission problems from salt corrosion. It is in the repair process, and the rear end of the 2010 International is still out. There is a possibility a nearby Town may be selling a used truck which will have a compatible, usable rear end which could be installed in the International.

Sluice pipe work has not been completed; other work at the Town Barn has not yet been completed.

There were no other comments. Supervisor Cammarata declared the Public Hearing CLOSED.

RESOLUTION # 54 (2022): PASS LOCAL LAW # 1 2022 "A Local Law to Override the 2% Tax Cap Levy for the 2023 Budget"

On a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Wark, the following Resolution was passed.

AYES Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata

NAYES 0

RESOLVED to Adopt Local Law # 1 2022, "A Local Law to Override the 2% Tax Cap Levy for the 2023 Budget"

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

7:00PM

The Public Hearing was declared OPEN by Supervisor Cammarata, the legal notice ready by Town Clerk Owens. There were no comments and Supervisor Cammarata declared the Public Hearing Closed.

RESOLUTION # 55 (2022): ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY/PROPOSED BUDGET AS THE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2023

On a motion by Board member Whitmore 2nd by Board member Holcomb, the following Resolution was passed.

AYES Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata

NAYES 0

RESOLVED to approve the proposed Preliminary Town Budget for 2023 as the Final 2023 Budget.

BUSINESS

7:15PM

- 1) Consider appointing Philip Montelione as Clerk Part-time.

The application for Phil Montelione has been approved by the Chenango County Personnel Dept. Phil has expressed interest in the position, working toward possible appointment as the Town Clerk when the current Town Clerk retires July 1, 2023. Some Board members were concerned about the budget just passed and if there would be enough monies in A1410.4 to support the hours worked for both the Clerk part-time and a Deputy Clerk. Supervisor Cammarata and Town Clerk Owens felt there would not be a problem. After further discussion, a Resolution was made to appoint Mr. Montelione, effective immediately.

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RESOLUTION # 56 (2022): APPOINT PHIL MONTELIONE AS CLERK, PART TIME FOR THE TOWN OF SMITHVILLE

On a motion by Board member Butler 2nd by Board member Wark, the following Resolution was passed.

AYES Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata

NAYES 0

RESOLVED to appoint Phil Montelione as Clerk, Part-time for the Town of Smithville, effective immediately. The rate of pay will be \$15.00 per hour.

2) Discussion with DCO Roger Barrows on Dog Enumeration

Mr. Barrows was asked if he had a preference on how he was paid to follow up on the Dog Enumeration. After some discussion it was agreed to pay him \$.50 per mile; \$15.00 p/h in the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 57 (2022): PAY THE DCO \$.50 PER MILE AND \$15.00 PER HOUR FOR FOLLOW-UP DOG ENUMERATION

On a motion by Board member Butler 2nd by Board member Wark, the following Resolution was passed.

AYES Holcomb, Butler, Wark, Whitmore, Cammarata

NAYES 0

RESOLVED to pay the DCO, Roger Barrows, \$.50 per mile and \$15.00 per hour for a follow-up Dog Enumeration in the Town of Smithville. Supervisor Cammarata will have a conversation with the Judge to confirm his knowledge of potential Court summonses coming for unlicensed dogs.

3) Discussion of vacancy on Planning Board:

With the resignation of the Planning Board Chair, there is a need for another Chair and/or an extra member. Currently there are 2 candidates. It was asked if Town Clerk Owens would check with Planning Board member Marie Kehl to see if she would be interested in taking the Chair. The situation will be discussed at a later meeting.

OTHER

There was a Highway incident on Robbins Rd.

The question was also asked if the Town should continue to plow the Fire Dept.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Cammarata adjourned the meeting at **7:48pm.**

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk