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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Robert Seager
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski
Councilman William Karn
Supervisor William Hasenauer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Town Clerk Shelley Entwistle

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor William Hasenauer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Hasenauer read the legal notice for this public hearing which included all of the elected official's salaries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (PRELIMINARY BUDGET):

Bob Scheehl inquired as to which town employees receive health insurance. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that some employees choose to have medical insurance through the town and others do not, as this is a personal decision. Mr. Scheehl wondered if health insurance is included in town employee salaries. Councilwoman Kwasniewski stated that she does not collect a paycheck from the town rather she writes the town a check for her health insurance. Mr. Scheehl inquired about how the town compensates the town engineer. Supervisor Hasenauer replied that the engineer is only paid by the town when needed. Mr. Scheehl also asked the board what the words "contingency" and "unallocated insurance" mean. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that contingency is money not designated for a specific means and unallocated insurance is the town's liability insurance. Mr. Scheehl inquired as to who currently is the Dog Control Officer and Registrar of Vital Statistics. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that William Gardner is the Dog Control Officer and Shelley Entwistle is the Registrar of Vital Statistics. Mr. Scheehl asked whose job is listed under Garage- Personal Services of the proposed general budget. Councilman Karn stated that it is the job of the Highway

Clerk.

Gerry Ritter inquired as to if there was a salary increase for town employees. Supervisor Hasenauer replied that there was a 3% pay increase for town employees. He also stated that employees will now pay 5% of their insurance premium and highway employees will pay 9% of their premium. Ms. Ritter also asked if the board has pursued different healthcare options to lower the town cost. Supervisor Hasenauer stated that the board is holding off on this until more knowledge of Obama Care is gained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (FIRE PROTECTION):

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Seager and seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Kardash to adjourn the public hearing. Roll call vote:

Councilman Robert Seager – yes
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash - yes
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski – yes
Councilman William Karn – yes
Supervisor William Hasenauer – yes

There being no further comments the hearing was adjourned at 6:16 pm by Supervisor Hasenauer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley T. Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk