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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilwoman Nancy Kardash  
Councilman Ronald Scouten  
Councilman Charles Scott  
Councilman William Rockhill  
Supervisor Harold Entwistle, III  
Town Clerk Tracy Northrop  
Bookkeeper Dawn Campbell

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE:**

Recited.

Supervisor Entwistle opened the meeting by reading the Public Notice. He stated the purpose of the meeting tonight was to go over the General, Sewer and water side of the budget.

**TOWN BOARD:**

- All personal services will receive 3%.

**CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Money has been put away to budget for phone upgrades every 3-4 years.

**CENTRAL SUPPLY:** The supply has been working out well. The Town Clerk is looking into a new Typewriter.

**DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS:** Extra \$10,000 was put into this budget for demolitions.

**AMBULANCE:** Councilman Rockhill stated the need to increase the amount for the Ambulances. He would like the \$10,000 from the Demolition of Unsafe Buildings to go into the Old Forge and Prospect Ambulances. Councilwoman Kardash stated they are trying to pay off the bridges and there are three more years to go before it is paid off.

Supervisor Entwistle stated he would like to shuffle the numbers around for a

\$10,000 total extra for the year for both departments. Possibility of \$7500 extra to Old Forge and \$2500 to Prospect. If there is an ambulance district in the Town of Forestport, they will still contract with Old Forge and Prospect. Supervisor Entwistle asked all the Board members to seriously think about forming an Ambulance District for next year. Discussion took place.

**SCOUTEN:** BYAA is getting a grant around \$10-\$15,000 for upgrades.

**DUTCH HILL:** New chips needs to be bought that are non –toxic for the playground.

**CELEBRATIONS:** This will stay at \$1850 for the fireworks.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS:** There is \$3500 in there for STEM Counselors. Also some money for Camp Nazareth.

**SENIOR PROGRAM:** There will be no bus trips to the Casino this year. They cost around \$450 a bus trip and only a handful of people usually go.

**REFUSE AND GARBAGE:** They will continue with one dump day for the year.

**CODES:** Councilman Rockhill stated a 3% raise is not enough for the Code Enforcement officer. He asked about benefits. Supervisor Entwistle has been in contact with the other two Towns Lance works for, to see about splitting the Health Care costs. He stated he will discuss this more with them. Councilman Rockhill asked about making the position a Full Time position. If this position is made Full time, it turns into a Civil Service position and the Town has to choose an individual ranked out of the top three. It cost the Town approximately \$3700 to train him for his Initial certification.

**WOODGATE CEMETERY:** They will be getting \$1,000.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING:** The Town has until October 2019 to implement a training and policy.

**REHABILITATION AND GRANTS:** This is staying the same.

**MEDICAL INSURANCE:** Rates for the employees has gone up this year. Gold has increased \$14/ month and Platinum is increasing \$12/ month.

**WATER:** 3% Raises for employees. Water District pays \$35,000 in loans every year

with no interest. This will be paid off in 2032.

**SEWER:** There are 80 customers on the Sewer system.

**FIRE:** This will be discussed Thursday night. Councilman Rockhill asked if the Fire Departments are not getting raises. Last year, each Fire department got \$2,000. Councilman Rockhill stated Thursday, when Fire is discussed, he would like the Board to consider giving a 3% increase. Discussion took place.

**PUBLIC:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilman Scouten to adjourn the budget workshop. Roll call vote:

Councilman Ronald Scouten – yes  
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash – yes  
Councilman Charles Scott – yes  
Councilman Rockhill-yes  
Supervisor Harold Entwistle, III –yes

With no further business the workshop was adjourned at 7:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Tracy M. Northrop  
Forestport Town Clerk