

TOWN OF FORESTPORT
2020 Budget Workshop Minutes
October 1, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Members Present:

Supervisor Entwistle
Councilman Scouten
Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scott

Members Absent

Councilman Rockhill

Tracy Terry, Town Clerk
Dawn Campbell, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Highway Appropriations are \$1,245,550.23.

Machinery - \$71,000. This is the most it could be lowered.

Retirement and Social Security- Staying the same.

The Town is still waiting on the rates from the County for snow removal.

Highway Negotiations- Hoping to wrap up Thursday night. They are settled on uniforms and boots and sick time at time of retirement. Currently the contract says they are allowed to accumulate 600 hours or 75 days of sick time. The 75 days has been removed and the accumulated hours has been reduced to 400 hours. The Employee has to retire and collect retirement from the retirement system. After paying for Health Insurance for one year, they can come to the Town and ask for a reimbursement for their bills for the year. Dawn asked who was going to pay the taxes on the reimbursement and Supervisor Entwistle stated he will bring that up Thursday night. The raises are currently being discussed. The Negotiator has suggested making a sheet for every Highway Employee that shows exactly what

their Salary and benefits are, including boots and uniforms. The Highway Employees pay 10% of their Health Insurance \$ 1,000/year for singles, \$2,000/year for a couple and \$2,500/year for a family.

Councilman Scouten asked if they had a 2 man crew or a one man crew. He said maybe they should cut it to a one man crew as that is what the state uses.

Town Hall- The Town is going to turn the heat down and close the Town Hall up when they move to the new building. The appraiser stated the Current Town Hall is worth \$75,000-\$90,000. Attorney Riley is going to write up an easement to access the garage that services the Water System. The Town Hall Property includes the Tennis Court. Dawn stated they need to find the piping so whoever buys it doesn't dig it up.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilman Scouten – yes
Councilwoman Kardash – yes
Councilman Rockhill – absent
Councilman Scott – yes
Supervisor Entwistle – yes

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk