

Budget Workshop Meeting I
Catskill Town Hall
October 7, 2024 6:15 PM

Present:	Patrick McCulloch,	Supervisor	Finance,	Kirsten Bulich
	Jared Giordiano,	Councilman	Highway,	Shawn Beers
	Dawn Scannapieco,	Councilwoman		
	Steven Espel,	Councilman		
	Brian Kozloski,	Councilman		

Supervisor McCulloch called the meeting to order and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated this is our first meeting on the tentative budget.

Shawn Beers, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss his budget. Salary was reviewed. Councilman Giordiano would like non-union and full-time elected officials to have a 4% salary increase. *Resolution # 118-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilwoman Scannapieco salary increases in the 2025 tentative budget for non-union and full-time elected officials will be 4%. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent (Kozloski)*

Seasonal workers wage will be kept as is. Councilman Giordiano asked if there was enough money in road materials. Mr. Beers stated yes. Supervisor McCulloch stated the board will be present for union contract negotiations and only use Elaine if needed. Line dropped to \$5,000. Machinery was discussed and decided to increase by \$5,000. Supervisor McCulloch asked if Mr. Beers was comfortable with the amount budgeted for overtime. He stated yes. The rest of the highway budget was reviewed.

Councilman Kozloski entered the meeting 6:30 pm.

Ms. Bulich asked to discuss revenue. Interfund revenue was increased to \$10,000. All were ok with the increase.

Central Garage – Salary reviewed. Equipment changed to \$9,200. Heat lowered to \$15,000. Rest of budget reviewed.

Town Board – Supervisor McCulloch asked if everyone was ok with it. He does not feel the board should receive a raise. Everyone was agreeable with PT elected officials 0% increase. Training was discussed by Councilman Espel who feels it should be increased if no bump in salary. Supervisor McCulloch asked if anyone was interested in attending the Association of Towns training next year. Councilman Giordiano stated no one wants to go. Education and Training line increased to \$500.

Town Justice – Councilman Giordiano stated PT elected officials are receiving a 0% increase. All were ok with no increase for the judges' line. Clerks 4% increase. Contingency increased for the yearly audit expense.

Supervisor – dropped education and training to \$1,400.

Finance – 4% salary increase. Supervisor McCulloch stated there is a new line for budget officer. He would like to make Kirsten the budget officer. *Resolution # 119-2024 on motion of Councilman Giordiano, second Councilman Espel to appoint Kirsten Bulich as Budget Officer. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

PT Finance Clerk lowered. The rest of the budget was reviewed.

ROT – PT elected and 0% salary increase. Deputy ROT follows wage chart. Equipment – will speak with Webjogger regarding new computer. Line zeroed out for now. Education/Training dropped to \$1,000.

Assessor – Salary lines increased by 4%. Councilman Giordiano stated in 2025 all Assessors will need to recertify with the state. Education reduced to \$600.

Town Clerk – Salary 4% increase. Deputy line reduced to \$1,500. Education/Training reduced to \$1,400.

Registrar – Councilman Giordiano stated it was increased as it has been quite some time. All else looked good.

Town Attorney – Increased by \$2,500.

Senior Center – Salary 4% increase. General Office Supplies reduced to \$1,500; General Supplies increased to \$2,500; Building Repairs increased to \$12,500.

Cemetery – Salary increased 4%. Seasonal will follow wage structure. Ms. Bulich asked about hiring a PT laborer. Supervisor McCulloch stated Marc is unsure but we will need an answer soon. Records Management – zeroed out. Equipment – Supervisor McCulloch stated the Town Attorney is researching the perpetual fund accounts. Councilman Giordiano stated we will have quotes to replace the mower. Supervisor McCulloch stated the cemetery is need of new equipment, excavator, gator etc. Line increased to \$4,000. The purchase of cemetery flags was moved to celebrations and line zeroed out. Increased grounds maintenance to \$12,500, miscellaneous decrease to \$0.

Dog Control – Question as to splitting salary or increasing it. Supervisor McCulloch would like to research pay per call. After discussion, Councilman Espel will see if the one dog control officer is still interested in position. Equipment line – need a cage. Councilwoman Scannapieco believes we should have a backup for the DCO. Dog Control \$2,500/\$7,500.

Expenses (page 37) reviewed. The money donated this year to the youth program will be encumbered at the end of the year to help with transportation costs next year. Historian – asking if GC Historian would be interested.

Code – Salary changes to 4%. Discussion about the number of hours for the Fire Inspector as the CEO is requesting 32 hours and 29 hours keeps PT status. Questions about civil service testing is full time and if it can be a per diem position. Equipment – should be line for EV charging. Added and funded \$1,000.

With no further discussion a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano second Councilwoman Scannapieco. The meeting ended 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk