

Budget Workshop Meeting – Catskill Town Hall
October 7, 2020 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor
 Jared Giordiano, Councilman
 Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
 Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
 Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Supervisor Finch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked Kirsten Bulich for getting the budget ready to this point.

TAXES – Samuel Aldi addressed the board and gave a brief overview of this year’s tax season. He thanked Kirsten, Elizabeth, Sandy, Audre and Carol for their help throughout the process. The Supervisor stated we will need discussion on the Deputy Receiver of Tax salary to see how to disperse.

AMBULANCE – Councilman McCulloch stated the first page of the budget is all contractual. Discussion ensued regarding the resolution in the monthly board meeting to promote an individual from EMT to AEMT. Supervisor Finch stated multiple people qualify and Mr. June stated one person was recommended. Supervisor Finch stated Mr. June will need to forward his recommendations for new hires or promotions to the committee for their review before the board is to act. He would like to make sure the money is in the budget. Councilman McCulloch stated it is. Councilman Giordiano stated we do not make money with our ambulance. Councilman Vosburgh mentioned the unfilled FT position. Mr. June stated it has been unfilled for years. Councilman McCulloch stated we need to provide service to the residents. The ambulance department will always be in the red. Supervisor Finch stated we still need to manage people and how money is spent. Mr. June stated the implication he is understanding from the board is that he is not managing his staff appropriately. Councilman Giordiano stated with the pool we have, it is one hell of a job. There are continuous employee issues as people work six other jobs. Mr. June stated with COVID, people in EMS are leaving the industry. Councilman McCulloch stated if the FT position is not being filled then to eliminate it. After discussion the board stated to remove FT7 from the budget and put \$12,000 in PTEMT. Benefits for line zeroed out also.

Councilwoman Scannapieco entered meeting 6:26 pm.

Supervisor Finch reviewed the rest of the line items in the ambulance budget. Mr. June mentioned the need for money for ambulance replacement. Historically \$50,000 was budgeted for when we need to purchase a new ambulance. He would like to take the second oldest ambulance and refurbish. Councilman McCulloch stated that makes sense.

Ambulance contractual was reviewed. Electric was reduced. Supervisor Finch would like to review the proposal from Central Hudson for LED conversion. Building maintenance was reviewed. The roof is showing signs of its age. Medical supplies – the last payment for the defibrillators ended in September. There is no reason to replace them as technology has not change. He would like to add a CPR device with an \$18,000 cost. This will be leased at a zero percent finance. Supervisor Finch reduced medical supplies by \$25,000. ALS mutual aid reduced.

Mr. June stated he had a meeting last week regarding telemedicine with CDPHP/MVP as they are trying to branch telemedicine out to EMS community. This is for people they treat who then do not want

transport to a hospital. They can utilize this service and use a physician consult and the insurance will pay. He will need to contact Digitech for more information.

Ms. Bulich asked about the \$15,000 in ambulance debt and if intended for reserve or to take out. The board decided to leave as is.

Ambulance revenue was reviewed. Insurance recovery reduced to \$1.1 million * from \$1.4 the previous year. Mr. June will source out other debt collection services. He stated in April and May we were down 50%. Event support zeroed out.

SENIOR CENTER – Councilman Giordiano wanted a clerk position eliminated. Supervisor Finch would like it funded. After discussion on the need for a person to be at the Senior Center, Clerk 1 and Clerk 2 were reduced to 650 hours each.

SALARIES – Town Hall employees across board 2 ½% increase including full time elected officials. Town Judges and Receiver of Tax no increase. No increase for board.

PLANNING/ZONING – Clerk to increase to \$18,000. Legal services kept at \$20,000. Comprehensive remove the \$25,000. Increase legal in Planning to \$20,000.

SUPERVISOR – Removed \$1,000 training.

With no further discussion a motion to end the budget workshop meeting was made by Councilman McCulloch second by Councilwoman Scannapieco. Meeting ended 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk

*Supervisor Finch asked this be put in the minutes of the meeting