

OCTOBER 17, 2017

2018 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Supervisor Cynthia Hyde called the 2018 Budget Workshop to order at 4:00 P.M. Also present were Councilwomen Joan Harris and Kathy Templeton and Councilman Michael Eddy, and Town Bookkeeper Debra Runyon.

Councilwoman Harris asked what Revenue code A1120 is, and why it has increased. Supervisor Hyde answered it is Sales Tax distribution, and that receipts are up. Harris asked why A2770 \$27000 must be listed as an Unclassified Revenue, pass-through to A6989.4. Eddy said he had questioned that, and a County may not give money to a private enterprise, in this case the Thurman Connection Snowmobile Club, so it is given to the Town for the club's trails. Fines & Forfeits of Bail A2610 increased, and Councilwoman Templeton cautioned that this needed to be checked to see whether it will be a constant figure.

Debra Runyon pointed out that Contingency A1990.4 has a positive balance. She said Attorney A1420.4 is down, but Engineer increased to \$27000. This is an estimate from Jessica of Cedarwood, and lab expenses also will increase, due to water and landfill testing. Supervisor Hyde pointed out that Engineer fees for 2014, 2015 and 2016 were severely underbudgeted.

Supervisor Hyde said Reserve funds for Capital or Machinery must be specifically set up, to meet legal requirements: 2017 and 2018 budgets both show \$75000 for highway equipment. Councilwoman Templeton said the Town's 1983 Grader will need replacement, and Supervisor Hyde said the printer and other IT equipment may need upgrades or replacing. Highway gets \$245565 for upkeep of County roads, and CHIPS should reimburse \$129937 for improvements.

Supervisor Hyde reported that White Space (Enterprise Fund) is not self-supporting, and some users owe payments to the Town. Fred Englemann is monitoring who uses it and who is served by each pole. One user suggested to Supervisor Hyde that payment might be ½ when not in use, for seasonal residents. Board members felt it should at least break even, or be out.

Supervisor Hyde said they are still negotiating for the Highway Department contract. Also, the bond (BAN) payment will be \$20,074 in 2018; code H1 626 payment \$13000 and H1 9730.7 \$7074 interest: new codes set up as advised by the NYS Comptroller's office.

A Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget was tentatively set for November 1, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

Supervisor Hyde directed 25 copies to be made, and it will be put on the website. She declared the workshop finished at 4:55 P.M.

Susan Baker, Deputy