

Town of Westerlo
Town Board Workshop
of
Tuesday, October 20, 2015

The Town of Westerlo Town Board met on Tue., Oct. 20, 2015 at Town Hall. Supervisor Rapp called the workshop to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDING WERE: Supervisor Richard H. Rapp
Councilman Anthony W. Sherman
Councilman William F. Bichteman Jr.
Councilman Theodore S. Lounsbury III
Councilman Alfred L. Field

Also attending were: Town Justices Robert Carl & Kenneth Mackey, Town Highway Superintendent Keith Wright Sr., Deputy Highway Superintendent Jody Ostrander, Clerk to the Assessor Claire Marshall, Clerk to the Supervisor Patricia Boice, Zoning Board Members John Sefcik & Amie Burnside, Town Clerk Kathleen Spinnato and approximately fourteen residents.

Supervisor Rapp announced the Town Board is reviewing the 2016 Tentative Budget, copies were available on the table for the public, only the Town Board members would have the opportunity to ask him questions at this time, the public will have an opportunity to comment at the three Public Hearings for the 2016 Budget.

The Town Board Members then reviewed the 2016 Tentative Budget figures asking Supervisor Rapp for clarification or made adjustments to the following accounts:

1320 Auditor – Supervisor Rapp will ask Pattison, Koskey, Howe, & Bucci CPAs if the \$15,000 includes the Tax Collector, Town Clerk & Court accounts.

1620 Buildings- Supervisor Rapp advised of the amounts that have been spent on boiler repairs and heating fuel costs. He indicated there is a fund balance, this figure should be all right.

4540-Ambulance – Councilman Lounsbury asked if Albany County EMS had submitted a proposal for the year 2016. Supervisor Rapp indicated he had not received one, he will contact Albany County.

Health Insurance-Supervisor Rapp reported he hopes enough has been appropriated he is hoping to hear from insurance co. by maybe Friday. Councilman Field would like to receive a policy breakdown from the insurance company.

1440.4 Engineer-BAN for buildings - Raise \$20,000 for a total of \$30,000.

Fire Protection-Town of Westerlo Vol. Fire Co. has agreed to forgo their building fund. Account code 3410 will be decreased by \$12,000 for a new total of \$225,863.

Ambulance Fund-Town of Westerlo Rescue Squad member Deborah Mackey was asked for clarification on need for new radios in an amount of \$22,000 (not included in budget). Councilman Sherman advised it was his understanding that it would depend on whether or not they would need to purchase radios this year and when the current service is shut off. Debbie advised yes, radios will be needed when the Albany County Sheriff's turns on the new service. At a Chiefs meeting they found out this could happen as soon as next fall for us. No changes were made to Ambulance Fund by Town Board.

A resident inquired about privilege of the floor. When asked for his opinion Justice Carl indicated refute. This does not apply after this question. The resident had no further comment on the Ambulance Fund, workshop continued.

Museum & Library – Town Board discussed and reviewed budgets submitted by both, no changes were made by the Town Board .

Water Fund – The Board briefly discussed the water relevy process for Unpaid Water District bills. No changes were made by the Town Board.

The Board then reviewed the totals and discussed whether or not a possible override of the 2% Tax Cap would be necessary. The discussion of the 2016 Tentative Budget ended.

The Town Board then briefly discussed the next item on the workshop agenda, Highway Garage repairs to roof. The public expressed difficulty hearing even with the recently purchased speaker system. Councilman Sherman advised them Fred Grober of Delaware Engineering has been in touch with the Town he will be coming to the next regular Town Board meeting and will prepare different options & scenarios for the repairs to buildings.

The Town Board briefly discussed a Shale Gas report previously submitted to the Town Board. No action was taken by the Town Board on this report.

Supervisor Rapp asked for a motion to close the workshop. Councilman Sherman made a motion to close, seconded by Councilman Lounsbury motion carried all in favor. Workshop adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Spinnato

