

Minutes of the Special Town Board meeting held on May 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM via zoom.us.

Members Present: Thomas Gray, Supervisor
Edward Rizzo, Councilman
James Jeffers, Councilman
Richard Gagliardi, Councilman
Kristopher LaPointe, Highway Superintendent
Cheri Major, Bookkeeper
Attorney Richard Andino - via phone connection

The meeting is opened with the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Gray takes a roll call of the members present: Councilman Rizzo, here; Councilman Jeffers, here; Councilman Gagliardi, here; Councilman Eades, absent; Supervisor Gray, here. Also present are Bookkeeper Cheri Major, Highway Superintendent Kris LaPointe and Attorney Andino (via phone).

Supervisor Gray asks Attorney Andino what can and cannot be discussed in Executive Session. Attorney Andino explains that collective bargaining issues with the union or relating to the budget - personnel – certain positions regarding changes. If anyone has any questions he will answer them. General budget questions and positions is all right to discuss in open meeting.

Supervisor Gray states that the Sales tax check has been received and it is approximately \$7,000.00 more than last year's first quarter check.

Questions for the bookkeeper: Councilman Jeffers asks what we have in reserves that is current right now? Particularly in the General, not concerned with Water & Sewer. \$1,500,000.00 - \$317,000.00 cash on hand, \$200,000.00 in money markets, \$200,000.00 in a CD that renewed in April. \$680,000.00 in a CD that renews in May. There is discussion on this. How much do we think we will lose in revenue? Probably around 30% – no one has any exact numbers. The town needs to start planning. How much are we losing in State Aid? There is more discussion on these numbers/transfers needed/reserves/etc. Bookkeeper Major tries to explain these numbers. End of the year transfers are discussed. Over the last few weeks some of the board members and the Highway Superintendent have been meeting with the Bookkeeper to discuss the budget, where cuts can be made, etc. They have reached out to Rich Blafield from the State Comptroller's Office for suggestions/assistance on this. Attorney Andino spoke with Mr. Blafield today regarding these matters - where you can reduce appropriations/Interfund transfers at the end of the year. Because the town does not have a town tax and depends on sales tax revenue, it works differently. The town has a little leeway on transfers. Attorney Andino states that

Mr. Blafield is more than happy to help with any questions/concerns that anyone has. Cheri has his contact information if anyone would like it. Plus, the bookkeeper states that at the end of the year if the highway department does not need the funds it stays in the general fund, it is not mandatory to make that transfer. Supervisor Gray has Highway Superintendent Lapointe speak on the highway budget. Kris states that he will try to keep it simple. He realizes the highway is the largest expenditure. He states that at the end of the year there is always money left over, he never overspends, this usually happens every year. If it does not get spent it stays in the general fund. If you think that the town will be \$300,000.00 short, he states that he can come up with \$200,000.00 right now to reduce that amount. \$90,000.00 in Equipment/Truck Reserve; \$3,000.00 in Bridge Reserve; \$4,000.00 in Salt Reserve; plus there is \$100,000.00 in the Road Work Fund, that does not need to be spent his year as the roads are in good shape. Councilman Jeffers questions if that includes the CHIPS funding? No it does not, it is over the \$87,500.00. The price of fuel is down, and salt will be less per ton this year as we are going with Cayuga County instead of OGS and their price/cost is \$10.00 less per ton. Of course, we do not know how the winter will be as to how much we will need. There is funding in the repair reserves that will not be used in its entirety also. Ballpark figures are at least \$250,000.00 ±, could possibly be saved. There are also other possible options. CHIPS need to be used. Is it a guarantee? He has not gotten a letter yet, but he has been told that it will come. There is much discussion on this. Kris states that he could do this for one year. Next Supervisor Gray discusses the general budget with Councilman Rizzo. Councilman Rizzo has meet with Cheri and Kris to discuss this. Ed goes over some of the items that possibly be lessened. Constables \$ 4,000.00 -they have not been used in a few months; Historian \$488.00; Swim program \$2,500.00 ; Deputy Clerk \$2,000.00; Some matters for Executive Session: Councilman Gagliardi questions the Senior Programs, why continue the program at all? There is discussion on the available money. Court – not as many hours have been used as of yet. Legal will be discussed in executive session. The board thanks Kris and Cheri for their help and for coming to the meeting. A motion is made by Councilman Jeffers to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades absent, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Councilman Rizzo yes, Councilman Jeffers yes, Supervisor Gray yes, carried.

Supervisor Gray states that the board will not be coming back on zoom after the Executive Session. This was a workshop no other business will be discussed.