

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting
November 4, 2013
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Patty Wood, Supervisor Bruce Dolph, Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel, and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lillian Brown-Burdick – The Walton Reporter

Supervisor Dolph called the budget workshop to order at 6:10 p.m.

Supervisor Dolph informed the Board that the current Tentative Budget was up \$53,051 from 2013 and the tax levy was down 1.87% from last year.

Supervisor Dolph read an email from the Assessor requesting a pay increase to \$35.00/hour.

Councilman Armstrong questioned the need for the increase in A1620.4 and A5132.21. He stated that if the roofs can wait, he would like to take this out of the budget. It was agreed to leave the amounts in.

Councilman Armstrong questioned the revenue not yet received for the In-lieu of taxes line item. I stated that the Village had not made payment to the Town yet for the Mountain View property.

Discussion took place on the recommendation of Superintendent Geidel to reduce DB5110.4 by \$20,000. It was agreed that this line item would be reduced by \$20,000. Superintendent Geidel questioned if money would be transferred into the equipment reserve account. Supervisor Dolph stated that would be done at the next scheduled meeting.

Councilman Armstrong suggested leaving all salaries at the 2.5% increase.

Councilwoman Wood stated that the Assessor position is a part-time position and no longer qualifies for the insurance reimbursement.

Supervisor Dolph reminded the Board that the elected employees do not get health insurance like the Union employees and suggested to pay for the position while being responsible and fair.

Supervisor Dolph stated that a re-evaluation is needed in our town. We have discovered that properties are being assessed as vacant when they have structures on them. "We should not be paying more tax because others did not get a permit".

Councilwoman Wood questioned why has the new Code Enforcement Officer been able to discover this but the previous one had not?

Supervisor Dolph suggested providing a dollar amount instead of a percentage for the other employees.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the following positions would be adjusted.

Assessor \$28,588 to \$29,500
Town Clerk \$34,397 to \$37,000
Superintendent of Highways \$45,166 to \$47,166

RESOLUTION #112 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Wood to move the Tentative Budget to the Preliminary Budget as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

There will be a Budget Hearing on November 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Dolph informed the Board that due to Community Development Block Grant buyouts, there is additional money available for additional housing repair awards. CDBG number WTRCD-19 has been awarded and needs permission from the Town Board to proceed.

RESOLUTION #113 CDBG AWARD FOR PROJECT WTRCD-19

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern granting Delaware Opportunities permission to award Community Development Block Grant #WTRCD-19 an amount of \$20,735.00. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk