

TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 16, 2023
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Patty Wood, Leonard Govern, Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Supervisor Joseph Cetta, and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Cetta opened the meeting for the purpose of discussing the 2024 Tentative Budget.

Supervisor Cetta informed the board that the presented 2024 Tentative Budget will bring a 7.18% increase in appropriations and a 1.94% tax levy increase.

I explained to the Board that the following items have contributed to the increase in appropriations: contractual salary increases, proposed tax reassessment, DA equipment and DB garage contractual.

The Board reviewed the budget line items.

Councilman Armstrong expressed his concern of non-union employees receiving the same pay increase as union employees. Supervisor Cetta stated he felt that all employees are deserving of the same pay increase. Councilman Armstrong also expressed a concern of the future of the Highway CHIPS and how that will be reimbursed in future years. Supervisor Cetta state that Superintendent Offnick should know more information after this week's meeting with the State.

After no further questions, the following resolution was offered.

RESOLUTION #110 **MOVE THE 2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt seconded by Wood to move the 2024 Tentative Budget to the Preliminary Budget and to hold a public hearing on November 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

I presented a plan to have landscaping down at Veterans Plaza to be paid with ARPA Funds as originally discussed. After receiving two proposed plans, the following plan was accepted from Leo's Landscaping of Walton.

RESOLUTION#111 **APPROVE LANDSCAPING AT VETERANS PLAZA**

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to accept the landscaping proposed design and not to exceed \$5,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk