

Supervisor Mark Illig called the special budget workshop meeting of the Pulteney Town Board to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 23, 2017, at the Pulteney Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Supervisor Mark Illig; Councilman Richard Musso; Councilman Mark Goodwin; Councilman Kathleen Burns; Councilman Michael Yastremski; Highway Superintendent Terry Gibson; Attorney Jennifer Prossick; Bookkeeper Rebecca Kirch; and Town Clerk Erica Giambra.

Supervisor Illig explained the need for the special meeting is mainly due to Councilman Yastremski being absent at the regular Board meeting on October 11th and the 2-2 roll call vote tie regarding the proposed budget.

Under old business, Supervisor Illig reiterated at the October 11th meeting he proposed a tentative budget with a tax rate of 1.9% including hiring a Highway seasonal employee for 4 months out of the year with a budgeted salary of \$13,780.00. Councilman Burns was favorable to this proposal, however Councilman Goodwin and Councilman Musso stated their desire to increase taxes at a higher rate including hiring a full-time Highway employee. Since the decision was split 2-2 the need for Councilman Yastremski's presence was essential. With knowing Councilman Yastremski's view on wanting to get back to 4 men on the Highway Dep't and needing to hire a full-time employee, Supervisor Illig prepared an alternative budget proposing a 3% tax increase (on average a \$30.00 tax increase) while hiring a full-time Highway employee in June of 2018 rather than January.

After reviewing and discussing the revised (Highway see below) proposed tentative budget (that was sent to the Board prior to tonight's meeting), Supervisor Illig asked the Board their thoughts on this proposal and if the Board had any questions. Councilman Musso asked if the \$16.00 per hour rate for a full-time Highway employee was fixed at that rate? Due to the union contract, it is the most an employee can start at. Councilman Goodwin asked what the Town is going to do in the winter prior to hiring a full-time employee in regards to plowing? It was stated every year regardless we hire part-time help to assist with plowing. There were no further questions and all agreed this revised proposal is fair and comprisable.

Highway

-Tax Increase to 3% for 2018

-For 2018 – Increase Highway Budget (Tax Levy) from \$610,561.00 to \$617,152.00

-Eliminate Seasonal Employee - \$13,780.00

-Reduce Equipment Budget: From \$100,000.00 to \$92,245.00

Total Adjustment - \$29,000.00

Increase ½ Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for Highway

Wages - \$18,000.00

Benefits - \$11,000.00

Total - \$29,000.00

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Goodwin to accept this proposed tentative budget with the General and Water Depts. unchanged as presented at the October 11th meeting and the revised Highway Dept. budget as presented tonight and adopt as the 2018 Town of Pulteney preliminary budget. Roll call vote: Councilman Goodwin, yes; Councilman Musso, yes; Councilman Yastremski, yes; Councilman Burns, yes; Supervisor Illig, yes. Carried. Supervisor Illig thanked the Board individually and collectively for coming to an agreement in such a positive manner.

Next on the agenda Supervisor Illig stated is to schedule a public hearing on the adopted 2018 preliminary budget. Councilman Yastremski made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to hold the public hearing on the proposed 2018 preliminary budget at the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting on November 8, 2017 at 7:30pm. All in favor. Carried. Clerk Giambra will publish and advertise as required.

As mentioned at the October 11th meeting, Attorney Prossick stated by proposing to raise taxes to 3% this will override the tax cap making it necessary for the Board to adopt a Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c. In doing so, Local Law No. 2 of the year 2017 would need to be heard at a public hearing prior to a hearing on the preliminary budget. Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to schedule a public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2017 to override the tax levy limit on November 8, 2017 at 7:25pm. All in favor. Carried. Clerk Giambra will publish and advertise as required.

Continuing with new business, Supervisor Illig stated it has been brought up for years regarding the installation of a half-door in the Town Clerk/Bookkeeper office. For security purposes, especially during tax season, Supervisor Illig commented he feels it is necessary and a good investment. Thanks to Water Operator Dluzak efforts, he was able to acquire a proposal from Kelley Bros. in Elmira for \$968.00. Supervisor Illig stated the funds would come out of the contingency budget and the quote is quite fair. Supervisor Illig did not ask for a vote from the Board (it has already been approved years ago by a different Board and was never installed) but asked their thoughts on the matter. All agreed to go ahead with the installation.

Not on the agenda, but provided to the Board, was a copy of a letter that was sent to the President of the Prattsburgh library from Supervisor Illig. It is strictly for the Board's records and makes reference to further discussion of the situation certain Pulteney residents (that are in the Prattsburgh School District) are now having to pay for 2 separate libraries. Due to the large increase in funding the Prattsburgh library is now receiving, Supervisor Illig is requesting a financial contribution from the Prattsburgh library to the Pulteney Free library. He will keep the Board informed as to the reply.

Supervisor Illig asked if there were any public comments or concerns at this time. With nothing heard, Supervisor Illig commented the Board needs to enter into a quick executive session. All are welcome to stay until the executive session is over however there will be no further business conducted.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to adjourn the special budget workshop meeting and enter into an executive session. All in favor. Carried.

Once the executive session was completed, Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Burns to recess the executive session and resume the special budget workshop meeting. All in favor. Carried.

Supervisor Illig made motion seconded by Councilman Musso to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

_____ Town Clerk