

**COXSACKIE TOWN BOARD
2015 BUDGET
WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2014**

Present: Richard Hanse, Supervisor
Patrick Kennedy, Councilman
Michael Veeder, Councilman
Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk

Absent: Thomas Hobart, Councilman
Jeffery Lewis, Councilman

Guests: Daniel Westfall, Karen Pautz, Earl Hotaling

Supervisor Hanse opened the meeting at 6:10 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tentative budget was discussed. It was noted that the Board members received a copy on September 30 as prepared by the Budget Officer, Dan Westfall.

Overall budget is up by 4.66%.

Worker's compensation costs were discussed. Councilman Veeder asked about costs comparisons and if the Town is rated or categorized. Supervisor's Bookkeeper, Karen Pautz stated that the procedure of being in the County pool was established before she came to work for the Town.

Supervisor Hanse stated that the tentative budget reflects a 2% salary increase across the board including the elected officials. Salaries for elected officials need to be established so that they can be included with the public notice.

A motion to accept the salaries of the elected officials with the 2% increase was made by Patrick Kennedy, seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried.

Ayes: 3 - Hanse, Kennedy, Veeder Absent: 2 - Hobart, Lewis

Karen requested the surplus numbers be changed as follows:

A Fund -	\$140,000
B Fund -	\$100,000
DA Fund -	\$ 10,000
DB Fund -	\$ 30,000
SM Fund	-0-

Town paying 20% of college chargebacks.

The funds were reviewed line by line and changes made.

A1010.40 Town Board increase \$500 to \$1500

A1330.10 Tax collector increase \$10,501 to \$11,167

A1340.10 Budget increase 0 to \$2166

A1355.40 Assessor decrease \$1000 to 0

A1410.20 Town Clerk decrease \$500 to \$100

A1410.40 Town Clerk decrease \$2030 to \$1600

A1440.40 Engineer increase \$2,500 to \$5,000

A1620.40 Buildings increase \$18,000 to \$20,000

A3310.40 Traffic Control Signs decrease \$1500 to \$500

A5010.2 Supt of Highways - Equip decrease \$250 to 0

A7110.40 Parks decrease \$3,000 to \$2700

A8810.40 Cemeteries increase \$2500 to \$2700

A9010.80 State Retirement increase \$53,800 to \$55,000

A2610.00 Fines decrease \$100,000 to \$95,000

B1420.40 Planning Board attorney \$10,000

DA5130.20 Machinery decrease \$5,000 to \$4,000

DB5112.2 CHIPS decrease \$114,486 to \$111,000

DB9010.80 State Retirement increase \$42,000 to \$46,000
DB9060.80 Health & Med increase \$75,000 to \$78,000
SM4540.20 Ambulance equipment decrease \$12,500 to \$8,000
SM9010.80 State retirement increase \$56,000 to \$69,000
SM9060.80 Hospital Ins increase \$108,000 to \$108,878
SM1630.00 Ambulance charges decrease \$449,110 to \$400,000
SM2262 NB ambulance dist increase \$22,000 to \$30,000
SM2401 Interest & Earnings decrease \$1,000 to \$600

Supervisor noted that the Town would not be receiving any PILOT payments for the Ferguson project this year.

With changes looking at -0.5598% overall decrease.

Youth program – no reports from Mary Donahue this year.
No increases for the fire companies. Hose 3 requested 8%.

A motion accepting the tentative budget as the preliminary budget was made by Patrick Kennedy, seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried.

Ayes: 3 – Hanse, Kennedy, Veeder Absent: 2- Hobart, Lewis

A motion to schedule a public hearing on the preliminary budget for November 5 at 7:00 pm was made by Patrick Kennedy seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried.

Ayes: 3 – Hanse, Kennedy, Veeder Absent: 2 – Hobart, Lewis

Dan Westfall asked the board for an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Confirmation of the following public hearings (originally scheduled at the October 14th Town Board meeting) for November 10th:

Richard Hanse made a motion to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 pm on November 10, 2014, to discuss the proposed override of the tax levy limit for the fiscal year 2015 (Local Law #1-2014). Michael Veeder seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Richard Hanse made a motion to approve the resolution setting the public hearing for 7:10 pm on November 10, 2014, to consider adjusting the ambulance tax cap. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 3 – Hanse, Kennedy, Veeder Absent: 2 – Hobart, Lewis

Richard Hanse made a motion to approve the resolution setting the public hearing for 7:20 pm on November 10, 2014, to consider the proposed increase of water and sewer surcharges. Michael Veeder seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 3 – Hanse, Kennedy, Veeder Absent: 2- Hobart, Lewis

Patrick Kennedy made a motion to accept John Murphy's quote for repairs to the women's bathroom at the EMS station in the amount of \$515. Michael Veeder seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 3 – Hanse, Kennedy, Veeder Absent: 2- Hobart, Lewis

Councilman Veeder stated that the mechanical room at the EMS station still needs to be insulated. Patrick will take care of it.

Discussion on salt shed lease which has previously been distributed. Supervisor noted that the agreement is between Day Ross Holding LLC and the Town of Coxsackie. The monthly rental is \$120.00, retroactive to July 2014 and is on a month to month basis. Patrick Kennedy made a motion to accept the lease agreement as prepared by the town attorney and authorized the supervisor to sign. Michael Veeder seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 3 – Hanse, Kennedy, Veeder Absent: 2 – Hobart, Lewis

At 8:00 pm a motion to close the workshop meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters was made by Richard Hanse, seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried.

At 8:12 pm a motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Patrick Kennedy, seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at that time.

Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk