

**TOWN BOARD
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF COXSACKIE
November 17, 2015**

PRESENT: Richard Hanse, Supervisor
Thomas Hobart, Councilman
Patrick Kennedy, Councilman
Michael Veeder, Councilman
Thomas Burke, Councilman
Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk
Karen Pautz, Budget Officer

Supervisor Hanse opened the meeting at 5:06 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hanse made a motion to adopt local law #2-2015 overriding the tax levy. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Hobart, Kennedy, Veeder, Burke

Councilman Burke apologized for missing the November 12 budget meeting and asked to share a few thoughts.

--He stated when calling for a 2% increase across the board for salaries and then deviating for a select few opens a can of worms.

--Would like to see the Justice vacancy dealt with before the end of the year.

--Would like to revisit the necessity of accounting contracts beyond 2016.

--Contemplate the sale of Town Hall and the Highway Garage; not wait until we are ready to move into the new location.

A motion to approve the additional funds (3,416.31) payable to the Village of Coxsackie for the youth program was made by Patrick Kennedy, seconded by Richard Hanse and duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Hobart, Kennedy, Veeder, Burke

Thomas Hobart stated that next year the board should insist on hard numbers. Money will be put in the budget and they will receive no more or no less. The Village needs to provide the Town with an accounting each year.

General Fund bills in the amount of \$8,321.55 were audited on abstract #16, voucher numbers 2015-734 through 2015-738.

Richard Hanse made a motion to adopt the 2016 budget as presented by the budget officer. Michael Veeder seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Hobart, Kennedy, Veeder, Burke

Richard Hanse made a motion approving Karen to attend a PERMA seminar on December 1 from 12-2 in Cairo. There is no fee, mileage will be reimbursed. Michael Veeder seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Hobart, Kennedy, Veeder, Burke

Patrick Kennedy made a motion authorizing Justice elect Wanda Dorpfeld to attend OCA sponsored training “Taking the Bench” December 7-12 in Castleton. There is no fee, mileage will be reimbursed. Thomas Hobart seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Hobart, Kennedy, Veeder, Burke

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm was made by Patrick Kennedy, seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried.

Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk