

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF COXSACKIE
October 27, 2022**

PRESENT: Richard Hanse, Supervisor
Thomas Burke, Councilman
Patrick Kennedy, Councilman
Michael Veeder, Councilman
Linda Wilkinson, Councilwoman
Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk
Donna Wasilewski, Bookkeeper

GUESTS: None

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hanse at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The 2023 tentative budget was reviewed.

- Ambulance salaries \$59,000
- Health insurance \$71,000 up 15%
- Lowered mortgage tax from \$200,000 to \$150,000
- Fines and Forfeitures are down by \$43,000
- PILOTs are down by \$89,000
- Fire Contracts – Earlton asked for 2% increase; Hose Company #3 has not provided a budget, they are getting a 4% increase
- Bond payments were discussed
- Surplus numbers down over past couple years – in 2021 over one million, in 2022 \$942,000 and for 2023 \$494,802 (as of September 30)
- Budget calls for 4% salary increases for everyone

Discussion ensued on salaries. The Judges would like to pass their 4% salary on to Norma Johnson, Court Clerk, they submitted a letter of recommendation. No action was taken on this matter which can be revisited.

Salaries for Elected officials was discussed. It was suggested that 4% be given to Larry, Bambi and Valerie and that the Board receive a 2% increase. Tom Burke would like to see an increase in the Supervisor's salary of \$2,500 over the next two years stating that Rick is underpaid in comparison to other Towns. It was noted that the salaries for all elected officials need to be published in the notice for the public hearing on the budget. Once set the salaries can be decreased but not increased.

A motion was made by Thomas Burke seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried to set the elected official's salaries as follows: Judges, Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Tax Collector will receive 4% increase. Town Board members will receive 2% increase and the Supervisor will receive an increase of \$1,250.

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

Currently the budget is up 22.4%.

Mike asked Donna to check worker's compensation figures - went from \$54,000 in 2021 to \$133,000 for 2022. He also asked her to check the highway personnel numbers as they appear to be rather high as well.

Thomas Burke made a motion to accept the tentative budget as the preliminary budget. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Patrick Kennedy made a motion to schedule the public hearings on the preliminary budget and proposed Local Law #2-2022 to override the tax levy limit for November 9 at 7:00 pm. Thomas Burke seconded the motion which was duly carried.

At 7:15 pm a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue was made by Thomas Burke seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried.

At 7:35 pm a motion to come out of executive session was made by Patrick Kennedy seconded by Linda Wilkinson and duly carried.

A motion to authorize the supervisor to sign the settlement agreement with the Teamsters was made by Thomas Burke seconded by Linda Wilkinson and duly carried.

Ayes: 4 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Wilkinson No: 1 – Veeder

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 was made by Linda Wilkinson seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried.

Copies of all resolutions, agreements, and contracts are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk