

October 7, 2021

The Special Budget Workshop meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tyre Municipal Building, 1082 Gravel Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148, in the Town of Tyre.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supervisor Ronald McGreevy – here; Councilman Reginald Aceto – here; Councilman James Rogers – here; Councilman Kenneth Sutterby – here; Councilman Thomas Thomson – here

Others Present: Administrative Assistance Karen Birch; Bookkeeper Michael Gross; Edward Lawrence, Eric Bush, Melissa Sutterby, Hank Bickel, Greg Guy, Beth Partee, Dennis Stone, John Fiorelli, Marge Fahrenholz

Supervisor McGreevy – have had roll call – quorum present – meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor McGreevy announced that there are no attorneys or engineers present at this evenings meeting.

Review and Discussion of Matters Relating to the 2022 Town of Tyre Preliminary Budget

Supervisor McGreevy welcomed everyone this evening for the review and discussion of the Town of Tyre Preliminary Budget for 2022. He went on to say that the Town of Tyre is certainly in a much better place than we were one year ago at this time. The loss of over one million dollars of NYS Gaming Tax Revenue last year was very challenging for our Town. With del Lago being open for business we are once again receiving NYS Gaming Tax Revenue similar to that which the Town received in 2019. Supervisor McGreevy stated that with the proposed budget we should be able to once again reduce our property tax rate. Things are looking up!

Supervisor McGreevy proceeded to review the preliminary 2022 budget in its entirety discussing each page:

General Fund -Townwide

General Government Support Town Board: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Justice: Judge Guy gave an overview of the Justice Budget. They have reduced the number of their clerks from two to one. The remaining clerk, as a result, has had an increase in job duties and work load. There was a modest increase

in the contractual line mainly due to postage. There was no change in the security line. In regards to health insurance they are asking that the clerk be insured as a full time employee as are the full time Town employees.

Supervisor: Supervisor McGreevy stated that the secretary has taken on much more responsibility in the last year. Supervisor McGreevy stated that the Bookkeeper's workload has increased as well and that he does a fantastic job for the Town.

Councilman Aceto brought up hourly wages and asked if the Board was going to determine wages this evening? Bookkeeper Gross responded stating that this meeting is just for approving the Preliminary Budget and that normally wage rates are taken care of at the Organizational Meeting. so today's meeting is again not to set anyone's rate of pay. Bookkeeper Gross also stated that the first Thursday of the year is for the Organizational Meeting and wages will be finalized at that time.

Tax Collector: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Budget Officer: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Assessor: Town Assessor Griswold is asking for a 3% increase in his salary.

Councilman Aceto asked in regards to 1355.4 Contractual Line that if we do not have any re-assessments this next year if this line amount would stay the same? Bookkeeper Gross stated that this line is for trainings, supplies, etc. Councilman Aceto believes that this line amount could be reduced. This will be left for further discussion and confirmation from Town Assessor Griswold.

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Sosnowski gave an overview of her budget. She has asked that the Deputy Town Clerk be given another more appropriate title as they are not responsible for any Deputy Town Clerk duties. Councilman Aceto agreed that the Board needs to look at other more appropriate title options. Town Clerk Sosnowski made the offer to set up an appointment with Seneca County's HR Director Chris Wagner and Councilman Aceto so that options could be looked at and brought back to the Board. This was agreed upon. Further discussion to follow.

Law: No concerns were expressed with changes.

Engineer: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Elections: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Web Site: Councilman Aceto thinks that training for operating the website would be helpful. He would like to see one or two admins for the website or explore other options. He went on to further state, in his opinion, that the Town is not conforming to NYS Law in regards to the Planning Board posting their minutes and transcripts. Councilman Aceto suggests doubling the line A1480.4 to \$5,000.00

Building: Councilman Aceto believes that line A1620.4 \$60,000.00 may not be enough due to the increase in costs that are occurring. Councilman Rogers states that he believes \$60,000.00 will be close.

General Government Support: Bookkeeper Gross reports that line A1990.4 Contingency is the account that the Town uses to make budget modifications for other accounts during the year. No costs come out of this account. This account can only be 10% of the Budget. Bookkeeper Gross reports that it is always smart to have some contingency in the Budget. Line A1910.4 Health Insurance increase is due to three additional employees asking for health insurance.

Public Safety: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Public Health: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Transportation: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Culture and Recreation Historian: No concerns were expressed with changes.

Home and Community Services

Zoning: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Planning: No concerns were expressed with changes.

Cemetaries: No concerns were expressed with changes.

Employee Benefits: Councilman Rogers asked if the line for Social Security was enough? Bookkeeper Gross stated that it is close and that it will be fine.

Interfund Transfers: Bookkeeper Gross reports that this line is similar to a contingency fund and will allow things to balance in case of road repairs which

will allow funds to be transferred in the middle of the year to the highway fund.

Transfers to Capital Funds: No concerns were expressed.

To Fund Building Reserve: Bookkeeper Gross reports that this is used to build up reserves for something that may need to be done to the Highway Building and also includes all Town owned buildings. There is currently \$100,000.00 in this fund and this line would increase this fund to \$300,000.00

Revenues: Bookkeeper Gross lowered this line due to receiving gaming revenue.

Real Property Tax Items: This is the PILOT for del Lago only

Departmental Income: No concerns were expressed with changes.

Use of Money and Property: No concerns were expressed with changes.

Licenses and Permits: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Fines and Forfeitures: No concerns were expressed with changes.

Sale of Property and Compensation for: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Miscellaneous Sources: No concerns were expressed with changes.

State Aid: No concerns were expressed.

Federal Aid: No concerns were expressed.

Total Revenues: No concerns were expressed.

Highway Fund

Highway and Street Administration: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Engineering: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Maintenance of Roads: No concerns were expressed.

Permanent Improvements: No concerns were expressed.

Maintenance of Bridges: No concerns were expressed.

Machinery: No concerns were expressed.

Garage: No changes and no concerns were expressed.

Snow Removal: Ed Lawrence is requesting that line DA5142.4 be increased from \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00 This line is used for fuel and road salt. There were no concerns with this request.

Employee Benefits: No concerns were expressed with the changes.

To Fund Equipment Reserve: Line DA0962.41 was changed from \$200,000.00 to \$190,000.00 to make up for the increase in the Snow Removal Line DA5142.4. There was no concern with this change.

Real Property Taxes: Councilman Aceto stated that he would like to see this line be a zero.

Real Property Tax Items: No changes and no concerns for this line

Use of Money & Property: No concerns with this line.

Sale of Property & Compensation: No concerns with this line.

Miscellaneous Local Sources: No concerns with this line.

State Aid: No concerns with this line.

Interfund Transfers: No concerns with this line.

Appropriated Reserves: No concerns with this line.

Fire Protection District

Public Safety Fire Protection: del Lago has agreed to pay the fire tax amount. No concerns with this line.

Real Property Taxes: No concerns with this line.

Interest and Earnings: No concerns with this line.

Community Benefits: No concerns with this line.

Appropriated Reserves: No concerns with this line.

Water District #1

Home and Community Services

Purchase Water: No concerns with this line.

Water Transportation and Distribution: No concerns with this line.

Debt Service Serial Bonds: No concerns with this line.

To Fund Repair Reserve: No concerns with this line.

Revenues: No concerns with this line.

Departmental Income: No concerns with this line.

Use of Money and Property: No concerns with this line.

Appropriated Reserves: No concerns with this line.

Water District #2

Home and Community Services

Purchase Water: No concerns with this line.

Water Transportation and Distribution: No concerns with this line.

Debt Service Serial Bonds: No concerns with this line.

To Fund Repair Reserve: No concerns with this line.

Revenues: No concerns with this line.

Departmental Income: No concerns with this line.

Use of Money and Property: No concerns with this line.

Appropriated Reserves: No concerns with this line.

Scheduled Speakers: None

Other Business: Councilman Aceto updated the Board as to the Highway Department/Band Hall water situation. Councilman Aceto will be contacting Dig NY in regards to the property around the Highway Department and Band Hall and wanted Highway Superintendent Eddington to be aware of this proposed activity. Councilman Aceto would also like Highway Superintendent Eddington's thoughts of people being on town highway building property to mark buried utilities. Councilman Aceto has asked Councilman Sutterby to work on getting five quotes for a drilled well. Once these quotes are received they will be compared to all other options.

Supervisor Correspondence/Report: None

Adjournment:

Councilman Aceto moved, seconded by Councilman Sutterby that the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski
Town Clerk