

October 6, 2022

The Special Budget Workshop meeting of the Tyre Town Board was held Thursday, October 6, 2022 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:** Councilman Reginald Aceto – here; Councilman Jeffrey Bennett – here; Councilman Henry Bickel – here; Councilman Kenneth Sutterby – here; Supervisor Beth Partee – here

**Others Present:** Bookkeeper Michael Gross; Highway Superintendent Eric Bush; Honorable Greg Guy

Supervisor Partee – have had roll call – quorum present – meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

## **Review and Discussion of Matters Relating to the 2023 Town of Tyre Preliminary Budget:**

### **A Fund - General Fund/General Government Support (Townwide)**

#### **Appropriations**

Town Board: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Justice: The Justices explained that they are asking to budget for a part-time clerk due to state mandates requiring research on old cases. Judge Guy reports that the current full-time clerk is working between 35-36 hours. Councilman Sutterby recommended that the new part-time clerk be on an as needed basis only. Judge Guy agreed to keep the new part-time clerk as low in hours as they possibly can. No changes were made to the 2023 proposed Justice budget and there was no further discussion.

Supervisor: Motion made by Councilman Sutterby and seconded by Councilman Bennett to raise the Supervisor's salary/Supervisor Personal Services budget line by \$1,600.00 per year. Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Councilman Aceto	X		
Councilman Bennett	X		
Councilman Bickel	X		
Councilman Sutterby	X		
Supervisor Partee			X

The Supervisor Personal Services budget line will be increased by \$1,600.00. There was no further discussion.

Tax Collector: Discussion ensued, and a decision was made to decrease the 2023 proposed budget amount for Tax Collector Personal Services by \$500.00.

Budget Officer: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Assessor: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Town Clerk: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Law: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Engineer: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Website: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Elections: No changes and no concerns were expressed

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Building: Supervisor Partee is concerned about increased utility costs. Discussion ensued and the town board decided to increase the Contractual budget line by \$8,425.00.

Printing: No changes and no concerns were expressed

General Government Support Special Items: Discussion ensued, and the town board decided to increase the Insurance budget line by \$14,000.00 due to the anticipated cost estimate to insure the fire department real property/vehicles for 2023.

Public Safety Dog Control: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Public Health Registrar: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Transportation Highway Superintendent: Councilman Sutterby asked why Superintendent Bush is asking for a 24% raise? Councilman Aceto asked if this is Superintendent Bush's only source of income? Councilman Bennett stated that Superintendent Bush does a great job for the Town but a 24% raise is high and as a tax payer he would rather see a 10% raise. Superintendent Bush states that he needs to be brought up to a reasonable wage and justified this raise by promising the following: he will work at least 40 hours per week, he will not take on another job, he will fully document and deal with any/all issues with employees, trucks will remain in good condition and will be well taken care of by employees. A lengthy discussion ensued and ultimately no changes were made to the 2023 proposed Highway Superintendent budget.

Cultural and Recreation Historian: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Home and Community Services Zoning: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Planning: The Planning Board Chairman is asking to budget for a part-time assistant/secretary in 2023 due to the current Planning Board Secretary

needing to relinquish his secretary responsibilities, and due to the current Planning Board Chairman planning for the transition to a new Planning Board Chairman. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Town Board decided to decrease the Planning Support Assistant Personal Services budget line by \$3,240.00, but to increase the Planning Personal Services budget line by \$2,400.00. Specifically, it was decided to increase the salary for the Planning Board Chairman by \$100/month and to provide a \$100/meeting stipend to the Planning Board member that completes the responsibilities of the Planning Board Secretary for each Planning Board Meeting (assuming one meeting per month maximum).

Cemeteries: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Employee Benefits: No changes and no concerns were expressed

## **Revenues**

Supervisor Partee explained how the proposed 2023 preliminary budget currently has a proposed 0.0% tax rate. If approved by the town board, then Revenue budget lines “Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes” and “Interest and Penalties” (on Real Property Tax Items) need to be reduced to \$0.00 as both budget lines are calculated/based on Real Property Taxes. Discussion ensued and the Town Board decided to decrease the Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes budget line by \$75,000, and to decrease the Interest and Penalty budget line by \$1,000.

## **DA Fund – Highway Fund**

### **Appropriations**

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

Engineering: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Maintenance of Roads: No changes or and no concerns were expressed with the budget. It was emphasized that wage rates are established at the Organizational Meeting in January 2023.

Permanent Improvements (CHIPS): Discussion ensued about CHIPS funding that will roll over to 2023 due to the previous Highway Superintendent not filing for reimbursement of expenses in 2021. The amount of CHIPS funding available for 2021 rolled over to 2022. The current Highway Superintendent filed for reimbursement as appropriate, but the town will have \$55,000.00 that will roll over to 2023. The Town Board decided to increase the Permanent Improvement (CHIPS) budget line by \$55,000.00.

Maintenance of Bridges: Discussion centered around the fact that the Town has no bridges in it. Highway Superintendent Bush is working on paperwork with DEC to change/repair and put in culvert pipes at these locations. No changes were made to the budget.

Machinery: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Garage Contractual: No changes and no concerns were expressed

Snow Removal: No changes or and no concerns were expressed with the budget. It was emphasized that wage rates are established at the Organizational Meeting in January 2023.

Employee Benefits: No changes and no concerns were expressed

## **Revenues**

The Town Board decided to increase the Consolidated Highway Aid Program (CHIPS) budget line by \$55,000.00.

## **SF Fund – Fire Protection District**

No changes and no concerns were expressed

## **SW1 Fund – Water District #1**

Councilman Aceto asked if the loan for this district can be paid off early? Bookkeeper Gross will check with USDA Rural Development and keep everyone updated on this question.

No changes were made to the 2023 proposed budget.

## **SW2 Fund – Water District #2**

No changes and no concerns were expressed

### **Other Business:**

**Resolution** authorizing the Town Court to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program during the upcoming grant cycle.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Sutterby, and duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

VOTE:       Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain - 0

The Resolution was duly adopted.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Partee received a call from the Seneca County Environmental Health Department. Now that ownership of the former Magee Volunteer Fire Department property has transferred to the Town, the septic system must be inspected and pumped (per county law). The Board is in full agreement for Supervisor Partee to handle this situation.

Supervisor Partee discussed the water service that the Town is paying for the former Magee Volunteer Fire Department property. The cost for the water service is \$120.00 per quarter. Does the Board want to keep the water turned on or shut the water off? The Board is in full agreement to keep the water turned on.

## **Adjournment:**

Councilman Sutterby moved, seconded by Councilman Bennett that the meeting be adjourned at 9:28 p.m. VOTE: Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski  
Tyre Town Clerk