

BUDGET WORK SESSION  
September 26, 2019

The Gerry Town Board met at 5:00 P.M, September 26, 2019 for a budget work session.

Present were:       Richard C. Heath, Supervisor  
                          Gary J. Swan, Councilman  
                          Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman  
                          Randy J. Zahm, Councilman  
                          Bruce Gustafson, Councilman  
                          Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk  
                          Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent  
                          Tracy Butcher, Deputy Highway Superintendent  
                          Laura Napoli, Town Accountant

Proof of Publication was provided by the Town Clerk.

The Town Board went over the Highway Requests and they decided to keep health insurance contribution at 13% and raise the eye care allowance to \$200.00 per year per member and would receive compensation for at least a 2 hour minimum if called out beyond normal business hours. They discussed the Vacation changes and felt it was too broad how it currently reads and their request as well. They requested the Highway to do more research on that and present it again to the Board. They are discussing a 3% raise.

Supervisor Heath went over the requests of the employees for the 2020 Budget with the Town Board and then they reviewed line by line the 2019 Tentative Budget.

Laura explained that this tentative budget is over the tax cap \$45,529.00 and this includes 3% raises for everyone. She commented that we are losing 14 to 15 thousand dollars in revenue from state aid, but was told the county is supposed to come up with this and she's unsure so she left that off the budget. She noted that they decided to not put anything in the tax stabilization reserve this year but they have not had to touch it which is good. The Health Insurance is supposed to reduce. The Court Clerk line was reduced by \$1,000.00 which she

received last year for her extra work in cleaning up a mess left by the former court clerk. Liability insurance was increased 5%. They discussed the salt barn roof which was not done this year so they are going to use the fund balance in there to help with the short fall. The street lighting was changed to LED lights so they can take that amount down a little.

The Town Board discussed the Senior Citizens and would like to make sure Gerry Residents are attending bus trips first they are going to set a meeting with them to discuss their budget. Laura commented that the snow removal line is getting closer with raises and down the road they may have to raise that. Supervisor Heath and Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, discussed possibly changing the DB account for the CHIPS monies to purchase equipment out of. Laura explained it needed to be done by resolution and you need to use the money in the DA account first too so you do not lose that and she will make a call to the State Comptroller's office to make sure this can be done.

The Town Board discussed the fire department budgets and decided to leave their budgets at the same amount as last year right now and will be contacting the Town Attorney to discuss concerns they are having right now. Supervisor Heath is waiting on an estimate for a seqr right now still to see how much that would cost for the changing of Route 60 to commercial.

Laura took all the changes discussed and said they would be over the tax cap \$21,353.00 then if we receive the AIM funding then only approximately \$6,000.00 would be over the tax cap. She will send the tentative budget to the town clerk tomorrow and the Town Board set a Budget Session for October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

Minutes Taken By,

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk