

TB Wrkshp. Mtg October 7, 2021
REGULAR TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
COLDEN TOWN HALL VIA – Go To Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:08pm

PRESENT

Councilman David Arcara
Councilman Jesse Hrycik
Councilman Patricia Zurbrick
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT

Town Accountant Mark Adamchick
Planning Board Chairman Walter Kammer
Highway Superintendent Paul Clarkson
Town Clerk Christina M. Kerlin
Approximately 1 resident

Supervisor DePasquale asked the Town Board if they had any ideas to submit for the Community Development Block Grant. Last year with the updates to the Bread of Life Outreach Center, that will put the Town of Colden at the bottom of the list for the Community Development Block Grant. The towns are usually on a rotation for the grant so we would probably not be eligible this year. This year also with the CARES Act monies the funding will be going to update the Senior Center furnace and bathroom fixtures.

The Town Board discussed and decided on the following project.

- 1) Rural Metro Van Service.

The Town Board will act on this at the Public Hearing scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 7:00pm.

2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP at 6:12pm

Supervisor DePasquale began the 2022 Budget workshop with the Highway Fund. There was discussion on trucks being updated and ordered and the time frame with regards to financing and delivery. Highway Superintendent stated that the “CHIPS” fund has increased for this year. Next year he would like to spend some money on updating tools & boxes within the highway department many are old. There was discussion on increasing the highway seasonal help wage up to a more competitive wage and opening the job to anyone not just a college student. After

review and discussion, the wage increase went from \$13.91 to \$17.00. There was discussion on advertising for the seasonal help in the newsletter to be sent out and February 2022.

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Street Lighting stayed the same the Cobra Head Project helped throughout the town.

Refuse will see a 2 and ½ percent increase per contract. There will also be an added fee this year because the town will be entering into a program called “At Your Door Special Collection” the program will allow homeowners to call Waste Management for a special pickup of electronics and hazardous waste to be picked up at the homeowner’s convenience throughout the year. Information will be sent to homeowners explaining the process and requirements of the pickup. The town will add the funds that were provided for the yearly recycling event which will help to offset the cost to homeowners.

Water Department is looking at raising costs for the repairs in the infrastructure and meter replacements. Councilman Pietraszek had a handout for the Town Board to look at the proposed increase to the water district customers. The proposal will be discussed at the next Town Board meeting.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that a 3% increase was put in for employees and elected positions. There was discussion bringing up wages for the cleaner and summer recreation employees to be more at a more competitive wage.

Town Accountant Mark Adamchick will make the adjustments and provide an updated copy of the 2022 Town Preliminary Budget.

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Hrycik and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin
Town Clerk