

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:09pm

PRESENT

Councilman Dennis Robinson
Councilman Jesse Hrycik
Councilman Patricia Zurbrick
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT

Town Accountant Mark Adamchick
Highway Superintendent Lee Wohlhueter
Budget Officer Tammy Nuttle
Planning Board Chairman Walt Kammer
Town Clerk Deborah Jusiak

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Workshop

Supervisor DePasquale asked the Town Board if they had any ideas to submit for the CDBG. He stated the only Town building that qualifies for CDBG funding is the Senior Center. Since the Senior Center generator project was awarded last year, the Town building would probably not have priority in qualifying for 2025 funds. The Town Board also discussed placing Rural Transit Service as the 1st project to be supported by CDBG funds.

Supervisor DePasquale discussed using CDBG funding for future sidewalk repairs, but results from a past survey taken in Town showed that the incomes of the respondents were too high for the Town to qualify. The Board discussed the future possibility of partnering with Springville-Griffith/Colden Elementary School to help secure funding. The Board also discussed the upcoming Senior Center Generator project, Highway garage roof replacement project and two anticipated Parks grants. They decided on the following project:

1. Rural Transit Service

The Town Board will act on this project and consider any ideas suggested at the upcoming October 10, 2024, Public Hearing.

2025 Preliminary Budget Workshop

Supervisor DePasquale began the 2025 Budget Workshop by reviewing the 2025 Preliminary Budget's anticipated revenues. He stated that A1090 - Tax Penalties and Interest was lowered from \$600,000 to \$550,000 in anticipation of a decrease in funds to be received from Erie County. Current revenues from sales taxes are allocated by a supermajority but if tax laws are changed by November's ballot, a supermajority vote will not be needed, and the Town could see a decrease in funding from sales taxes. The Board discussed increasing some of the Fees and Fines to current rates. No changes were made to the Preliminary 2025 Budget General Fund revenues. Supervisor DePasquale reported that a 2025 Local Law for a Tax Levy Override will need to be enacted to keep pace with increases in utilities.

Moving to Appropriations, Supervisor DePasquale stated that a 3% salary increase was allocated for all employees and elected positions. The Town Board had no objections or comments. The Preliminary 2025 Budget was changed to reflect this increase to the Water Clerk's wage:

- SW8310.1 Water Clerk increased from \$9,656 to \$9,945.68, 3% wage increase

No other changes were made to the 2025 Preliminary Budget Water Fund.

Supervisor DePasquale and the Town Board reviewed each line of the 2025 Preliminary Budget's appropriations, making the following changes:

- A3620.4 Code Enforcement Contractual - allocated \$10,000, identical to 2024 Budget
- A8810.4 Cemeteries Contractual - increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000, identical to 2024 Budget
- A7020.41 Concessions - allocated \$400, identical to 2024 Budget
- A8010.4 Zoning Contractual- increased from \$150 to \$250 for ZBA Member training

The above changes increased the 2025 Subtotal General Fund Appropriations to \$1,315,506 and increased the 2025 Total General Fund Appropriations to \$1,382,506.

No changes were made to the 2025 Preliminary Budget Highway, Street Lighting and Refuse Funds Revenues or Appropriations.

Supervisor DePasquale and the Board discussed upcoming proposed equipment and project purchases currently appropriated in the 2025 Preliminary Budget including the purchase of a utility vehicle to be used jointly by the Parks Department and Emergency Disaster Manager, concrete floor in the Parks building, Senior Center and Highway Garage alarm systems, website updates and replacing Code Red with a text system, New Year's Eve ball drop, and survey work on Town-owned parcels.

Supervisor DePasquale discussed upcoming changes to the Town's garbage contract with Waste Management. Each house will receive totes for garbage and recycling. Seasonal homes will have their totes removed and returned annually by Waste Management. Bulk items will be picked up by appointment and the pickup for hazardous and electronic waste will not change. The Town continues to contribute \$17,000/year to the Refuse Fund so the increase to taxpayers is approximately 17%, each unit paying about \$250.10/year. Supervisor DePasquale stated this rate is lower than many of the surrounding towns and the changeover to totes will begin in the Spring of 2025.

Town Accountant Mark Adamchick will provide an updated copy of the 2025 Town Preliminary Budget to be heard at the 2025 Budget Public Hearing.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Jusiak
Town Clerk