

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HELD ON OCTOBER 30, 2018**

Present: Colleen Teal, Supervisor
Kevin Smith Sr., Councilmember
Jesse Newton, Councilmember
Mark Baumli, Councilmember
Norman Rasmussen, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Tistrya Houghtling, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Teal.

FINAL 2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET REVIEW:

Supervisor Teal stated that there are 3 options in front of the board and the only difference is how much we are taking from surplus, so less unexpended balance. On the first option, it is \$69,000 from general and \$49,000 from highway. She is not in favor of that one. It is a 3.48% increase. Option two is \$81,000 from general and \$55,000 from highway. She could live with that one. It is a 1.75% increase. Option three is \$85,000 from general and \$53,650 from highway. It is a 1.5% increase. She broke down for each option, what the actual impact on anyone's taxes would be. With option 1, a home with a \$150,000 assessed value would increase in taxes by \$15.90 per year. With option 2, a home with a \$150,000 assessed value would increase in taxes by \$8.10 per year. With option 3, a home with a \$150,000 assessed value would increase in taxes by \$6.87 per year.

Supervisor Teal stated that we have been increasing the unappropriated on the general side about \$100,000 a year. If we took out \$85,000 for the 2019 budget, you would probably end up seeing our reserve increase about \$15,000 from the \$619,000. That is an estimate. She stated that we have been increasing the unappropriated on the highway side about \$50,000 a year. If we took out \$53,650 for the 2019 budget, you would probably be pretty close to a wash. Supervisor Teal asked Highway Superintendent Winestock if he would be comfortable with option 3. Highway Superintendent Winestock stated yes.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to go with option 3, taking \$85,000 from unexpended balance in general and taking \$53,650 from unexpended balance in highway with a 1.5% increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. Councilmember Rasmussen seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen -	Aye
Councilmember Smith -	Aye
Supervisor Teal -	Aye
Councilmember Newton -	Aye
Councilmember Baumli -	Aye

Supervisor Teal made a motion to declare the 2019 tentative budget dated 10/30/2018 with the adjustments to page i per tonight's prior motion as the 2019 preliminary budget. Councilmember Newton seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen -	Aye
Councilmember Smith -	Aye
Supervisor Teal -	Aye
Councilmember Newton -	Aye
Councilmember Baumli -	Aye

Supervisor Teal made a motion to set a public hearing on the 2019 budget for Thursday November 8, 2018 at 7pm and authorizing the Town Clerk to publish the public hearing notice in the Register Star and the Eastwick Press. Councilmember Rasmussen seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen -	Aye
Councilmember Smith -	Aye
Supervisor Teal -	Aye
Councilmember Newton -	Aye
Councilmember Baumli -	Aye

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

Supervisor Teal stated that if Town Clerk Houghtling wins the election, Deputy Town Clerk Robertson will become the Town Clerk effective 1/1/2019, that would mean she would be going to the \$35,000 starting rate. The new deputy town clerk would then also go down to the starting hourly rate for that position at \$14 per hour. If those occurred, we would transfer to contingency in January of 2019 a total of \$4,324. Supervisor Teal stated that for the highway budget, she included one more full time employee at 80% coverage for health insurance because of their conversations last night. Supervisor Teal stated that the 2019 budget included \$73,000 in one-shots, and this does not include the \$30,000 for LVPA contingency, so assuming that there was no emergency for them to hit, we wouldn't be funding that on an annual basis. Supervisor Teal stated that increased revenues for summer youth program by \$5,000, if 80 children are enrolled, that would increase the cost by \$62.50 per child for the whole summer. She thinks that is a fairly reasonable increase. She will put those together in a resolution for the beginning of 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Supervisor Teal seconded that motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Tistrya Houghtling
New Lebanon Town Clerk