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Public Hearing on the Budget and the Regular Meeting of the Cohocton Town Board
October 17, 2023

David Miller, Esq., Supervisor Judith Hall, Councilmember Jan Kastberg,
Councilmember Peter Wallace, Councilmember Nancy Levesque, Councilmember Jim McCart

Judith Hall called the Public Hearing to order at 6:59 p.m.

Judith asked if anyone in attendance would like to comment on the budget. Cheryl Deussenberg, Carl Drum and Jim Wallace were at the meeting representing Clearview Cemetery. Ms. Deussenberg asked the board to reconsider the annual amount the Town of Cohocton is going to give them. Judith said this topic would be discussed later during the meeting.

Judith closed the Public Hearing on the 2023 budget at 7:07 p.m.

Judith Hall called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: Judith received letters from a hospice house requesting a donation and from an organization that provides housing to lower income individuals, seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities.

Motion made by Judith Hall and seconded by Jim McCart to accept the minutes from the September 19, 2023 Board Meeting. Ayes 4 Abstain 1 (Peter Wallace).

Motion made by Jim McCart and seconded by Jan Kastberg to accept the minutes from the October 3, 2023 Budget Workshop. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Nancy Levesque stated she did not get an Ambulance Commissioner's Report. Judith said they give a Run Report instead of minutes because that is what the Ambulance Commissioners choose to do.

Highway Superintendent Richie Schumacher included two quotes on trucks in his report.

Motion made by Jim McCart and seconded by Judith Hall to accept the receipt of reports. Ayes 3 Noes 2 (Nancy Levesque and Peter Wallace).

Nancy Levesque wanted clarification on several invoices which Judith addressed. Judith also explained invoice #543 was removed from the abstract.

Motion made by Jim McCart and seconded by Jan Kastberg to approve the abstract. Ayes 3 Noes 1 (Nancy Levesque) Abstain 1 (Peter Wallace).

OLD BUSINESS

Pool-Judith said the town is going to have to think about what should be done with the pool area, whether it should be bull-dozed or something similar. Discussion about the pool was tabled.

Zoning-The Planning Board submitted the changes made to the zoning law. The Cohocton Town Board must declare themselves the Lead Agency and send out letters to other involved agencies.

Motion made by Judith Hall and seconded by Jan Kastberg that the Cohocton Town Board will declare itself the Lead Agency for the amendment to the zoning law and will send letters to the involved agencies. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

NEW BUSINESS



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Water Re-levy-

Motion made by Judith Hall and seconded by Jan Kastberg to adopt a resolution to re-levy unpaid water bills to the county, and that the clerk will accept payments until November 15, 2023. An ad will be put in the paper to that effect. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Trick or Treat Hours-

Motion made by Jan Kastberg and seconded by Jim McCart to set the hours for Trick or Treating from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on October 31. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Fall Training for Barry-

Motion made by Jan Kastberg and seconded by Jim McCart to approve \$45.00 for Barry to attend fall training.
Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Sexual Harassment Policy- Judith sent the board members the sexual harassment policy that was forwarded to her by the governor's office. They also sent a notice to all employers as to what needs to be done, and all employees will have to do the training every year.

Motion made by Peter Wallace and seconded by Jim McCart that we use the policy presented by New York State. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Training for Marty Oehlbeck-Marty would like to go to the Association of Towns Regional Planning and Zoning School in Corning for land use.

Motion made by Peter Wallace and seconded by Jim McCart to pay \$80.00 for Marty to go for training in land use. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Budget-Nancy Levesque questioned why there was a change on page 3 of the Tentative Budget in Central Communications from \$20,000 to \$23,000. Judith was unsure why Baldwin changed that entry. Also, on page 4, Pool Lifeguard Services changed from \$25,000 to \$15,000. Judith explained since we will not have the pool, we will not need lifeguards. Some money was left in that line item because it was still uncertain whether the pool would open next year. This line in the budget is where the additional funds for the cemeteries are coming from.

Motion made by Peter Wallace and seconded by Jim McCart to move Central Communications on page back to \$20,000. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Page 4- Cemetery Operations & Maintenance-A discussion took place about how much money should be dispersed to each cemetery.

Motion made by Nancy Levesque and seconded by Jim McCart to give Clearview \$8000, Mapleview \$4000 and Zion \$2000. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstain 1 (Judith Hall).

Motion made by Judith Hall and seconded by Peter Wallace to approve the Preliminary Budget with the change made on page 3 and the distribution of the cemetery funds to be changed. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Motion made by Peter Wallace and seconded by Jim McCart to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and to discuss the past, present and future employment of a certain employee. Ayes 5 Noes 0.



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Motion made by Judith Hall and seconded by Jan Kastberg to adjourn Executive Session. Ayes 5 Noes 0.
No Action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion made by Judith Hall and seconded by Jan Kastberg to go back into Regular Session. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

Motion by Judith Hall and seconded by Jan Kastberg to adjourn. Ayes 5 Noes 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Allen
Town Clerk