

A Special Budget Meeting of the Town of Avon was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. at the Opera Block/Avon Town Hall located at 23 Genesee Street, Avon, New York with the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor David LeFeber, Deputy Supervisor Thomas Mairs, Councilmen James Harrington (arrived at 5:10 P.M.), Paul Drozdziel and Malachy Coyne (5:52 P.M.)

OTHERS: Youth Recreation Director Emily Cosimano, Highway/Water Superintendent Thomas Crye, Justices Michael Torregiano and Jeannie Michalski, Assessor Tami Snyder, Historian Maureen Kingston, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Glise, and Town Clerk Sharon Knight

VISITORS: None

Supervisor LeFeber called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. by reading the following legal notice:

TOWN OF AVON
LEGAL NOTICE

A special budget meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday September 6, 2018 at 5:00 P.M., at the Avon Opera Block/Town Hall Building, 23 Genesee Street Avon, New York 14414 for the purpose of budget discussions and any other business that might come before the Board.

By order of the Town Board

Sharon M. Knight, MMC/RMC, Avon Town Clerk

Dated: August 16, 2018

DISCUSSION – HIGHWAY/WATER DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Crye and the Board discussed the highlights of the budget including:

Highway: A generator could be purchased at about \$15,000.00, the wheeled excavator 1994 will be replaced, two percent increase with a \$2.00 bump for the new hires, cost of retirement is down a little bit, health insurance increases, the roads are being kept up, stable CHIPS money is being received, our three drainage districts and sidewalks are being kept up, cemetery accounts are stable as we adjusted our fee schedule.

Ken Rowe and Steve Stevenson will be attending our next meeting to discuss their request for support of the Avon Cemetery on Cemetery Road in the Village.

Water- The system is in good shape we are keeping up on the hydrants. The biggest cost is the purchase of water. Standard re-levy will be done this fall. Tax levy is not affecting the water portion of the budget. We borrowed \$5,000.00 to keep up with recent audit costs and we will pay back in the near future.

DISCUSSION – HIGHWAY/WATER DEPARTMENT-continued

There was a recent notice of claim from Nune Park for work completed regarding water readings. Reimbursement for the work is approximately \$850.00.

DISCUSSION – JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justices Michael Torregiano and Jeannie Michalski discussed the highlights of the budget including:

The budget request has gone down \$7,100.00. A court grant will be applied for if there is any need for equipment. The Board is looking at upgrades including furniture to the Court/Board room and they are interested in being a part of a court grant applications as the upgrades would benefit the shared room. It's important to show that there is an attributable benefit for the court.

The request was for five percent increase for Justices and Clerks. Court security is excellent, it's working and the same person is in attendance for all the Town Courts. Sweeping is done. A request to have the Opera Block third floor locked was made. There have been times that the court needed to remove people. The Clerks will attend the conference next year and attending local stuff is encouraged for both Court Clerks. Audits have been completed and always show outstanding compliance. The County hearings are being held and they pay mileage. Many times hearings are re-scheduled. Felony hearings are held here. Small claims, town ordinance continued to be held.

Supervisor LeFeber would like to do one thing different, when reviewing the historic hours and salaries for both Clerks there is a need to increasing Holly's budget line item to \$14,500.00.

Supervisor LeFeber informed the Board that the County has put together a weighted vote compensation comparison and we will look at that for the tentative budget. This will provide an additional measure to consider along with work load and scope of work.

DISCUSSION – ASSESSOR

Assessor Tami Snyder and the Board discussed the highlights of the budget including:

The original project started with the County providing a service for the Assessors. The first phase was to collect commercial data. Other Towns could not afford to continue the additional phases but Livonia, Geneseo and Avon would like to continue to Phase 2, therefore dollars are in the budget.

Discussion on the twelve article 7's received in the Town was held.

DISCUSSION – ASSESSOR-continued

The need to plan for projected retirement of the Assessor Clerk was discussed and budgeted. Panic button partially installed in 2009 has not been completed. Alternatives were discussed including the need to have them wired into County Dispatch. Upgrade to cameras and other improvements to the building are a part of the budget.

The small claim filed by Hanson has been dropped.

DISCUSSION – YOUTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Youth Recreation Director Emily Cosimano and the Board discussed the highlights of the budget including:

Some of the increases are due to the increase in minimum wage, high enrollment and the need to purchase swimming equipment. Openings for Board Member was discussed included the need for long term Board Members. Summer soccer has been reduced to two nights per week for one summer month which shows a decrease.

A part of summer recreation includes adult softball and volleyball. Additional considerations of other types of adult recreation is being considered.

DISCUSSION-TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Sharon Knight and the Board discussed the highlights of the budget including:

A review included a request from the Board to increase the Town Clerk's office to open on Wednesday afternoon. A proposal was requested of the Town Clerk and will be provided for the next Town Board meeting.

A County wide tax program will be considered at the County. Our office maintains the most current practices available as the Board has supported training.

DISCUSSION – HISTORIAN

Historian Maureen Kingston and the Board discussed the highlights of the budget including:

I was talking with a man from New York City looking for information from the Town Clerk's Office and he said he was very pleased with the service he received.

Co-Historian Watson is a great addition to our Historian's Office and keeping her with us is important.

Papermill Park will be done next year and this year we will work on the railroads.

DISCUSSION – HISTORIAN-continued

There is money left over from this year and will add more next year.

Senator Young stated that this is one of the most beautiful spots in Avon and she is interested in helping us do improvements/additions.

This is a chance to learn about the history of the bridge and foundation mill. Historian Kingston suggested involving the Village Park Commission.

Printing and publication has increased a little.

Get resources into print and available to the public is a goal.

Computer updates for the Historian is needed and this can happen this year.

DISCUSSION – CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Glise and the Board discussed the highlights of the budget including:

Former Code Enforcement Officer Dean O’Keefe has moved to Arizona and really did not work very much this year. We are in need of a back-up and other Towns are looking for back-up as well. The Towns of Livonia and Conesus were discussed as well as Code Enforcement Officer Maxwell. Supervisor LeFeber stated that he added a few dollars making the Brian’s position \$21,000.00 and that is less than what was in this year’s budget for the Code Enforcement Officers positions. The need to update the fee schedule is recommended.

There was continued discussion of how other Towns are handling the lack of Code Enforcement Officers? To become certified you need to attend six weeks of classes and passing an exam to become a building inspector and then Code Enforcement Officer.

Code Enforcement Clerk is very public friendly and handles many issues.

DISCUSSION – SUPERVISOR ITEMS

Supervisor LeFeber will put together key points that were discussed tonight and prepare a tentative budget.

The Avon Free Library and Avon Cemetery Association will be in at a future date to discuss their budget.

RESOLUTION # 165 DECLARE SURPLUS

On motion of Supervisor LeFeber, seconded by Councilman Coyne the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLUTION # 165 DECLARE SURPLUS-continued

RESOLVE to declare surplus outdated office equipment and electronics to be taken to cleanup days and old computer components to be destroyed by Hurricane technologies.

Vote of the Board: Councilman Drozdziel - Aye, Councilman Harrington - Aye, Councilman Coyne - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Mairs - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber – Aye

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Mairs, seconded by Harrington, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by, _____
Sharon M. Knight MMC/RMC Town Clerk