

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven J. Walters	Supervisor
Michael Quinn	Councilman
Thomas Best, Jr.	Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk
Mary Dosch, Sr. Account Clerk; Walter Rooth III, Town Attorney; Luke Malecki, Financial Consultant; Erica Handley, Financial Consultant; Charles Naughton, Human Resource Consultant

Supervisor Walters calls the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Supervisor Walters explains that the tentative budget would exceed the tax cap and they have a resolution to call for a public hearing regarding overriding the tax cap. Just because they are calling for the public hearing doesn't mean that they are going to go over the cap but based upon where the budget is now and some areas of concern that have to be added into the budget it will bring the rate up a little more which will bring them over the tax cap.

Luke Malecki and the Town Board discuss the rate of increase for the taxpayer.

Luke Malecki now reviews a handout showing changes from the 2016 budget that will impact the tax rate in the 2017 Budget.

Mr. Malecki reviews another hand out referring to reductions from departmental requests that the Supervisor feels the Town Board should look over and discuss in order to reduce the 2017 Budget. The last document details what would have happened if the health insurance increased at more than 5%. This shows the hard work of the Town Board in keeping the increase at 5%.

1.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Best, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes	3	Walters, Best, Quinn
Noes	0	

RESOLVED, that the Town Board move into Executive Session at 4:52 to discuss litigation and the purchase of Real Property.

2.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Quinn, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes	3	Walters, Best, Quinn
Noes	0	

RESOLVED, the Board adjourn Executive Session and return to the Budget Work Session at 5:52 pm.

Luke Malecki states that the fire companies requested an increase of anywhere from 2% to 5%. Traditionally the Town has given them an increase equal to what the tax cap is (.68%) increase, with the growth factor it is 1.36%.

The Town Board discusses the fire company increase.

Mr. Malecki comments that he will put the increase at 1.36% for all fire companies which will be discussed at the public hearing on October 24, 2016.

The Town Board now discusses reductions in departmental requests that need to be adjusted

Councilman Best states that they reduced signs and signals from \$24,000 to \$4,000. The State is mandating that all signs in the Town must be replaced by 2020 and there will also be an expense from that account for the Railroad Quiet Zones.

Mr. Malecki responds that he has increased the budgeted amount by \$11,000. The other item discussed was the budget for paving the roads. Because of the deficit position the tentative budget includes \$350,000 for paving and now with the FEMA funds they could reinstate some of that. Councilman Best suggested increasing it by \$75,000 which would bring it up to \$425,000.

Councilman Best then states that there has been talk on the upkeep of the County Roads and that more money should be put into the infrastructure of the roads. He has been told that the Town is paving at an average of 6 to 7 miles per year. There are 150 miles of town road. In the future there will be roads that need paving and will not be scheduled for 10 years. The paving line has not been increased in years.

Councilman Best then comments that the Town should have a program in place, within the annual budget, to replace town vehicles/plows on a scheduled basis.

Mr. Malecki and Councilman Best discuss an increase for Town Park dredging.

The Town Board discusses the Town Park Boat Launch.

The Town Board discusses a shuttle bus for Woodlawn Beach and State grant money for upkeep at Woodlawn Beach.

Supervisor Walters comments that Dispatch will soon have to upgrade their 911 system. His recommendation is that this goes into a capital expense and not an operating expense.

3.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Best, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Best, Quinn
 Noes 0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorized to advertise for a public hearing on Proposed Local Law #10, 2016. The proposed local law seeks to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. The hearing is to be scheduled for October 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. local time.

4.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Quinn, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Best, Quinn
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board move into Executive Session at 6:20 pm on personnel matters.

5.

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Quinn, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Best, Quinn
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adjourn at 6:40 pm.

Catherine A. Rybczynski, R.M.C.
Town Clerk

