

Hamburg Town Board Work Session

Catherine A. Rybczynski, Clerk

07-06-2020

James Shaw, Supervisor	(Present)
Shawn Connolly, Councilmember	(Present)
Elizabeth Farrell, Councilmember	(Present)
Karen Hoak, Councilmember	(Present)
Michael Petrie, Councilmember	(Present)

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine Rybczynski, Town Clerk; Walter Rooth III, Town Attorney; Mark Walling, Deputy Town Attorney; Jennifer Robertson, IT Director; Christopher Hull, Director, Community Development; Samantha Tarczynski, Director of Finance; Ted Casey, Highway Superintendent; Drew Riley, Planning Consultant

1.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board opens the Work Session at 5:30 P.M.

On a motion of Supervisor Shaw, seconded by Councilman Petrie, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Shaw, Connolly, Farrell, Hoak, Petrie
	Noes	0	
	Abstained	0	

WOODLAWN BEACH VENDOR

Councilman Petrie asked for an update on the status of the Woodlawn Beach Vendor payment stating that they appeared to owe the Town money. Supervisor Shaw responded that Town Attorney Walter Rooth could update the Board and added that a lawsuit was still ongoing with the predecessor vendor at Woodlawn Beach. Mr. Rooth will give a complete report at the meeting on July 20, 2020.

AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda items were taken one at a time, given an overview and discussed by the Supervisor and Board members. Town Attorney Walter Rooth was asked to address some items and offer legal advice.

Item #22 –Resolution for Parking Violations - Deputy Town Attorney Mark Walling was asked to speak on the proposed Parking Violations changes (Item #22). He stated that the fines are woefully behind the times and warrant an increase. Councilman Connolly asked if the law could set a minimum of \$50 rather than a maximum. Mr. Walling stated that the judge would still have and be able to exercise discretion when meting out penalties. Mr. Rooth agreed that the judge need some discretion. It was stated that a floor and ceiling could be set. Mr. Connolly offered suggestions for changes to the amounts with ranges from \$40 - \$60; \$90 - \$110; and \$140 - \$160. Will amend and set public hearing.

Item # 23 – Budget Reductions to Combat COVID-19 Projected Deficit – Samantha Tarczynski, Finance Director, explained the resolution and the process and source of the cuts being made in the resolution. The total amount being cut totals over \$1.2 Million. She called it a great start, but a deficit of approximately \$1.5 Million remains.

Chief Kevin Trask called into the meeting. He commented on the parking violations stating that the Board should ask the court if they have the means to track number of offenses. He also added that fines are usually doubled if not paid in ten (10) days. A definitive number would also need to be included on the ticket for those who plead guilty. Mr. Rooth stated he would speak with Brigit Lavelle about the fines structure. Councilwoman Hoak informed the Board that Ms. Lavelle informed her that the court has the ability to track the number of offenses.

Drew Reilly addressed the Board regarding a report on the proposed Solar Energy Law. He outlined the three (3) tiers and what they allow. The EPA has funds left over and wants to know if the town still wants to go after the green project at the Town Park/Beach. The amount is in the area of \$250K and will be covered at 100%. A meeting was set with Mr. Reilly to have a meeting on August 3, 2020 at 5:30 pm during the Town Board work session.

Ted Casey, Highway Superintendent, ask for clarification on spending cuts affecting the Highway Department. Ms. Tarczynski explained the nature of the funds affected.

2.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board go into Executive Session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter pertaining to employee disciplinary questions related to town-wide policies affecting harassment.

On a motion of Supervisor Shaw, seconded by Councilman Connolly, the following

resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Shaw, Connolly, Farrell, Hoak, Petrie
	Noes	0	
	Abstained	0	

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