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The Town Board entertained a presentation from the accounting firm of Drescher & Malecki, LLP on the current fiscal situation facing the town.

Luke Malecki, Tom Malecki, and Erica Handley were the presenters representing Drescher & Malecki, LLP. The presentation was provided to Board Members (attached - #3).

Tom Malecki advised that the Board consider preparing for a possible tax cap override as a means to make up short falls.

Two additional reports will be issued prior to the budget from Drescher & Malecki, LLP.

Supervisor Shaw asked if there was a formula to follow when tapping into the town's reserve funds. The recommendation was to put a plan in place to rebuild and budget for the hit to the reserve fund. Also, the "Rule of Thumb" for municipalities is to have at least two months of expenditures covered in the reserve fund.

Conservative estimate of the current budget deficit is \$1.8 million with \$1.3 million attributable to the "B" Fund.

Police

Captain Nicholas Budney spoke about the possibility of renovating vs. building a new facility for police and dispatch.

The Police Department and Dispatch looked at the expense of continuing to put money into the existing facilities to renovate, modernize, and expand and found that the possibility of weighing a new building vs. renovation should be undertaken. A great deal of work needs to be done to maintain the building. Originally, the building was built as the garage for Buildings and Grounds and it is not conducive to its current use.

The current facility creates a great deal of issues due to noise, foot traffic, prisoners, etc. interrupting 911 emergency calls. The environment makes providing lifesaving information and assistance to callers extremely difficult.

Ms. Tarczynski asked that preliminary quotes be brought to the Finance Dept. by 9/8.

Agenda

(The following items were discussed in some detail)

Item #5 – 4th Quarter Meeting Schedule – Noted that the times for work sessions have been changed to 4:30 PM (Except for 11/16 and 12/7 which will start at 5:30 PM).

Item #6 – Swap off personnel, results in some savings to the town.

Item #9 – Reappointment of Bob Hutchinson to 5 year term.

Item #14 – Annual report to retirement fund for elected and appointed officials.

Councilman Connolly questioned how the "Record of Activities Result" was computed and

derived. Walter Rooth, Town Attorney stated that Jamie Seymour, Para Legal, factored information provided to her into a formula from the state, but he was unsure of the formula or rationale employed. Supervisor Shaw suggested the item be tabled until the next meeting to allow time to get an answer.

Item # 16 – Upgrade of Payroll Software – Councilwoman Farrell explained that the upgrade is free.

Item #18 – PAF, Youth, Rec., & Sr. Services – withdraw PAF due to hiring freeze

Item #19 – PAF Town Clerk’s Office – hired annually for approximately two (2) weeks to assist in helping to accept and process the School Tax payments.

Item #29 – Resolution – Parking Violations – The Town Attorney has vetted the resolution and researched the fine levels.

Item #31 – Approve Town of Hamburg assuming Planning Services for the Village of Blasdell – Village Board approved dismantling their board in favor of the Town taking Planning over. Ms. Tarczynski asked about the financial end of the matter and Mr. Petrie stated the Town would get the fee as it has been. Any additional financial obligation would be negligible. Ms. Tarczynski stated that Planning and Zoning Departments derive their money from a fund that does not tax the Village of Blasdell. Mr. Petrie explained that the village may get no applications in a year.

Item #33 - Approve retaining outside counsel for McKinley Mall foreclosure – Mr. Petrie does not want to spend the money on the issue and does not see the town having any standing. Ms. Farrell asked if the town could have any effect on the outcome. Mr. Shaw responded that the town could get “interested party” status which could help move the process forward.

The Hamburg Town Board Work Session adjourned 7:02 P.M.

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Town Clerk