

**COMMITTEE MEETING
LAKE PLEASANT, NY
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2012**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET MEETINGS**

10:45 AM – County Clerk

Present: John Frey and Rick Wilt

Also present: Bill Farber, Ermina Pincombe, Bob Edwards, and Jane Zarecki

John stated the first thing is Jane's salary. He is going to recommend 2% as he did with his town budget. He will leave it up to the full Board as to what will happen with department head raises.

Jane asked what salaries are split in the budget. Bill stated only Bob Kleppang. A short discussion continued.

1410.402 – Phone – Was increased \$200 due to the fact that she will be short this year and this is a line that she did cut and probably shouldn't have.

1410.405 – Supplies – Increased \$500

1410.407 – Should be renamed as Imaging

1410.406 – Micro-Filming – Increased \$5,000, Jane would like to have the old books filmed, which they can do in-house. Discussion continued on micro-filming vs. new technology and her storage needs.

Jane left at this time.

11:15 AM – Real Property Tax Service

Present: John Frey and Rick Wilt

Also present: Bill Farber, Ermina Pincombe, Bob Edwards, and Barry Baker

Barry handed out budget sheets and reviewed.

1355.406 – GIS Contract – He was able to reduce it \$1,500.

Barry discussed the software vendor and how well things are going. They are now working on trying to get the parcel alignments to line up better, which is done by an outside vendor.

Barry discussed different software that is now being offered.

Bill asked if they try to go toward digital would all the towns be on an equal keel. Barry feels that they are moving in the right direction, the largest limitation they have now is image files. According to the state we are supposed to update our image files every three years, and this is

something that has fallen very far behind. Some towns have them but are not linked to the property record information and that needs to be linked to the parcel.

The state department that provides us with RPS information is putting out bids now to develop version 5. We are currently on version 4. The new system would be entirely on line, so each assessor would log in with a user name and password. The issue is whether they are dialing into a server in Albany or a server here in Hamilton County. They are thinking of having the counties decide if they want to host their own information or do they all use the state server. Barry prefers to have the information here.

Barry reported that he has been working on getting quotes on how much that would be for us to have it here. Barry stated a T-1 line would be all they need.

By 2014 the state will be moving toward that direction and making it mandatory by 2015 or you will lose your support if you aren't on the latest version. Discussion continued until there were no further questions and Barry left at this time.

11:50 AM – Board of Elections

Present: John Frey and Rick Wilt

Also present: Bill Farber, Ermina Pincombe, Bob Edwards, Cathy Rogers and Marie Buanno

John reported that he reviewed each separate budget request and he feels he has reached a common ground on most issues.

The salaries reflect the 2% increase.

1450.107 Mechanical Salary – Decreased to \$4,500.

1450.401 – Travel – Will be at \$4,000 and they will split that line between committees at \$2,000 each.

1450.403 – Postage – Decreased to \$3,750

1450.406 – Change the heading to Office Supplies with a decrease of \$300

1450.407 – Primary Ballot Programming – Has a decrease of \$8,000

1450.409 – General Election Ballot – Decrease of \$3,000

1450.413 – Election Workers – Shows a decrease of \$1,000

Back to 1450.105 – Temporary – After a lengthy decision with each Commissioner John felt a good recommendation that he was willing to make is to split those lines for each Commissioner. John asked how they felt and Marie stated as much as she would like for Cathy and her to work together and not separate everything she does not see any way around it. John stated if it eliminates conflict he feels it is a good idea. After a short discussion it was agreed upon splitting the line.

Revenue:

2215 – Was decreased \$2,000, Cathy stated it was an estimate.

Back to expenditures – Marie asked when they bring in a programmer that is a republican all that should not come out of the republican temp. line. Bill remembers the conversation they previously had concerning that they did pay the programmers out of different lines. Cathy stated that Marie is paying programmers out of temp help and she pays out of election workers. Bill asked why the difference, Marie doesn't understand either. Cathy stated technically they both should be getting paid the same, but they aren't. Marie stated that she has just been following what Judy had been paying them out of. After a discussion it was determine to pay each programmer the same amount per hour.