

**COMMITTEE MEETING  
LAKE PLEASANT, NY  
THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 1, 2015**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
BUDGET MEETINGS  
1:30 PM**

SHERIFF:

Members present: John Frey

Also present: Bill Farber, Rick Wilt, Frank Mezzano and Karl Abrams

Sheriff Abrams discussed salaries. He feels that they are under paid and can't compare to other counties.

Part-time Security - Bill Witts' salary was discussed last year and was never increased, he is grossly under paid.

Mr. Farber agreed that he is under paid for the hours that he puts in which is more than part-time. He would like Personnel Officer Byrne and the Sheriff to look at his hours worked in a year and increase his wages based on those hours.

Sheriff Abrams reported Correction Officer Moran is retiring at years end and he needs to hire a replacement as soon as possible to do in-house training until they can enter the academy. He does have one new hire at the academy now who will be working the 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM shift which is currently being covered by temp help.

Mr. Farber reported that they are going to hold a Special Meeting on Committee Day, if the Sheriff wants, to get a resolution in for the meeting for a new hire.

Sheriff Abrams reported that he put in his upcoming budget for the hiring of a new deputy, but is requesting two. There is an academy starting in Canton in January. The two deputies would be one in the north and one in the south. Deputy Stuart is not going until spring. The Sheriff feels the guys are getting burned out from the long hours etc.

Mr. Farber suggested that the Sheriff show the Board how the over-time is trending so that they can consider two deputies verses one. He feels that the members should defiantly approve the one prior to the start of the academy.

Mr. Frey asked if there has been any interest in merging or working with the Town of Inlet police. Mr. Farber suggested to Mr. Frey that they should receive a formal request from the Town of Inlet to look at this possibility.

Sheriff Abrams reported that Senator Farley has given his department \$6,000.00. He is going to purchase body cameras; if there is enough money, he will also purchase some for the Inlet police.

3110.409 Navigation Expenses - He has boats in need of repair. He did put in a request for a loaner boat which are basically free boats and trailers. He received a call this morning that we have been selected so he is just waiting for the official notice. This boat is retailed at approximately \$60,000.00 and he should know for sure if we will be receiving it by mid-October. He will then decide what boats to keep and what ones go to the auction.

3110.403 Telephone – He left this flat but may change it once the 911 project is complete. The current system requires several dedicated line and is not sure what will be required for the new system.

For the Jail – There are major renovations going on for the new 911 project and they are finding plumbing issues. Mark feels that this will need to be addressed next year and estimates the cost to be around \$5,000.00. Superintendent Eldridge is aware of this so that he can put it in the building budget.

Sheriff Abrams then reviewed revenues.

2:00 PM – HIGHWAY/SOLID WASTE/BUILDINGS:

Members present: John Frey

Also present: Bill Farber, Rick Wilt, Frank Mezzano and Tracy Eldridge

Solid Waste - Superintendent Eldridge started off with reviewing revenues.

3021 Court Facilities/Maintenance - Superintendent Eldridge wasn't sure what number to put in there.

Mr. Farber stated the contract was signed today so we will take the number right from the contract which is \$101,939.00.

Expenditures – 8160.401 Refuse & Garbage Supplies/Misc – decreased \$5,000 for a total of \$10,000.

8160.403 Refuse & Garbage Tire Disposal & Hauling - Superintendent Eldridge took the \$5,000 from .401 to put under this line for our electronic recycling which has gone up tremendously.

Public Works:

Revenues for County Road Fund –

2300 Transportation Services/Other Govt's – this is the line we use when we sell culverts etc. to towns and we exceeded that this year so he increased it \$10,000.00.

2302 Snow Removal Services – This is an in and out for state snow.

3501 CHIPs – Superintendent Eldridge set the amount at exactly what we received for this year.

Expenditures – 5010.105 Administration Overtime – He eliminated this line because it is not being used.

5144.402 State Snow Removal Salt/Sand – Superintendent Eldridge increased this \$50,000.00.

Revenues for Road Machinery Fund –

2655 Sales, Other – This is where he sells gas and diesel to other agencies and he increased this \$50,000.00.

2665 Sales of Equipment – This is our surplus equipment that we sell.

Expenditures – 5130.101 Machinery Labor Operations – Superintendent Eldridge reported that he was conservative with this number. The committee discussed and it was decided to lower it to \$195,000.00.

5130.201 Road Equipment – Was decreased \$56,000.00 down to an even \$200,000.00.

5130.401 Road Machinery Repairs – Superintendent Eldridge increased this line \$25,000.00 due to being over budget.

5130.405 Road Machinery Gas, Oil, Diesel – Increased \$50,000.00 to offset the revenue due to DOT coming on board with our new fuel depots.

Buildings:

1620.104 Part-Time Cleaner – Was decreased to 20 hours per week for a decrease of \$2,718.00 which he did not fill.

1620.202 Buildings Equipment – Superintendent Eldridge put in \$10,500.00 for the pickup they are transferring from highway.

1620.401 Lawn Expenses – Was decreased \$2,000.00 for a total of \$3,000.00.

1620.407 Travel – Decreased \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00.

3:15 PM – COUNTY CLERK:

County Clerk Zarecki started off stating she was disappointed due to the fact that no one notified them of the 2% COLA increase, she had to read it in the newspaper.

County Clerk Zarecki discussed her imaging project and where they are with this.

1410.406 Micro Film – She requested \$10,000.00 which would make it possible for her to do more work in this area for preserving documents. She doesn't have a specific plan as of yet.

Budget Officer Mezzano asked about SARA Grants.

County Clerk Zarecki stated she has never written a grant and really doesn't want to do grants. She did discuss the purchase of a DMV processing station at the approximate cost of \$1,800.00.

Mr. Farber stated your budget is pretty straight forward outside of us talking about the imaging project.

3:30 PM – PTEDP:

Revenues – 1989 Other Economic Asst./Opp. Tourism Co-Op - can be taken out they don't use this line anymore.

Economic Director Wilt stated the Treasurer's Office suggested that she create an account for Inter-County Printing which will be 1989.100 and she funded this line at \$400.00.

2389 Misc. Revenue Other Govt's Printing - they do not use, it can be taken out.

3715 State Aid – Tourism Promotion – is zeroed out because ROOST handles that.

Expenses – 6410.401 Publicity Co Promotions – Economic Director Wilt wasn't sure what to put in there so she kept it the same.

3:40 PM - REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE:

Director Baker stated that he will be looking to replace the plotter and copy machine in 2017. You can now get the plotter and copier all in one machine and they run approximately \$15,000.00.

Revenues – 2210 Charge for Printing of Assessment Rolls – He increased this to \$30,000.00.

This is where we charge back to various entities for services we provide. Then the 1010 expenditure line needs to be increase to \$30,000.00.

Mr. Farber stated this revenue matches up with an appropriation that is under the Board of Supervisors budget, Director Baker replied yes.

Director Baker reported Gail Doherty, his temp position, is available to do the two days a week for 2016 so with the 2% COLA it comes out to \$18,564.00.

Mr. Frey stated they are taking department head salaries under advisement for a meeting just for them.

Director Baker stated on his behalf if they would look at what his predecessor's salary was to where he is. He has information and analysis on where he feels his salary should be and will forward that to Mr. Farber.