

**COMMITTEE MEETING
LAKE PLEASANT, NY
THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET MEETINGS**

9:00 AM – District Attorney

Present: John Frey, Rick Wilt and Neil McGovern

Also present: Bill Farber, Bob Edwards, Clark Seaman, Brian Wells and Marsha Purdue

Marsha announced that she sold her business and she has moved her computers, desks, chairs, conference table to her County office in Indian Lake. She stated that her computers are newer than the ones that are at the County office building. Due to the sale she feels she will be more accessible now.

Marsha reviewed what she has been doing. She handed out information on what she has left in her budget.

She has been working closely with the Sheriff's Department to make sure everything is being done and if they have questions she makes time to sit down with them and talk about the issues. We have had a lot of different cases and we have a lot coming up including felonies. Marsha stated she hopes this rise in crime is not going to continue to happen. Burglary has been a lot of the crimes and they wonder if it is linked to the economy.

As for Special Prosecutors; Marsha reported she has been trading with other counties. She will contact another DA's office and tell them she will come and do their case if they will come and do hers, which has been working.

She has also made a lot of contacts at the District Attorney conferences. Many have voiced their help to her.

Bill spoke about the tough budget year ahead. With the rise of crime it is having a big impact on the Sheriff's/ DA's budgets.

Neil stated our county can't plea out everything because it will only cause more crime. Marsha stated one of her campaign promises was if someone is caught selling drugs she will take it seriously and that person will serve time. We are not going to be known as an easy county and not punish for the crimes.

Bill stated that he feels the Sheriff's budget may be in jeopardy on housing-out inmates due to the rise in crime.

Marsha discussed using seized money for the Sheriff's Office and/or the DA's Office.

John reported that he felt the budget was well done.

Neil asked Bill now that Marsha is at the one year mark is that where we make the adjustment in her salary and Bill stated typically yes, elected only. Appointed we usually negotiate a salary, it is not the same as elected.

Marsha did state that she is not looking to go full time; she will have to see how it goes. Right now it is not a full time job but it is important to have the Assistant DA position for a backup. If she did not have him it would be full time.

Marsha left at this time.

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

9:30 AM – Burnham Financial

Present: John Frey, Rick Wilt and Neil McGovern

Also present: Bill Farber, Bob Edwards, Clark Seaman, Brian Wells Mark & Tish from Burnham Financials and Kim Byrne

Bob introduced Mark and Tish from Burnham Financial.

Mark reviewed the handout on health insurance renewal. The Committee has options from MVP, and Excellus. The MVP HMO for 2013 has an increased rate of 10.4%. If the Committee would like to get the rate down to 6% they can modify the co-pays on the HMO's. The Point of Service plan is going up 8%, the Retiree piece is going up 5% (MVP Gold).

Bill asked Mark and Tish to give their unbiased opinion even though they have a vested interest in community verses experience rating. Mark stated typically municipalities are better served in a community rate.

Mark stated in the Excellus Blue Cross quotes you can see theirs is 20% higher and it is not competitive. Burnham did look at a high deductible plan and there is some potential savings and with a deductible at 80% your best savings would be around \$113,832.

John stated your savings can be there if your employees aren't using the deductible.

Bill asked with a high deductible can you use the flex spending account. Mark stated that the employee has one or the other, you can't use both. John was told you can use both.

Mark stated the flex spending you have right now would have to be modified to what is called a limited purpose flexible spending. Bill stated we would then need to know more about the limited purpose flex spending. Bill stated this is too big of a plan to switch this close to the new year. Discussion continued on high deductible plans.

The committee agreed to stay with the current plan and next year take a look at high deductible and flex spending plans.

Kim asked about dental insurance, Tish has come up with a cheaper plan which is better for the employees, the committee agreed to allow Kim to offer this.

Mark & Tish left at this time.