

BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE LOUISVILLE TOWN BOARD
LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017; 6:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Legault, Supervisor
Gail Schneider, Councilwoman
Dan O'Keefe, Councilman
Pat Carroll, Councilman

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: David Moulton, Councilman

Supervisor Legault called the budget workshop to order at 6:00pm.

Assessor: Lorraine Salamon discussed new assessor recommendations, possible replacements and reevaluation for the Town. The last full reevaluation was completed in 2010 and Assessor Salamon stated that there are definitely a few of our 7 neighborhoods that could use a reevaluation. She gave Clerk Cameron sample wording to submit an advertisement to fill her position.

The Highway Department: Superintendent Fenlong would like the plow truck that is used on the NYS Roads replaced. He can purchase a 2017 left over that is available now at a price of \$188,177.00 or order a plow truck that would be ready in May of 2019 for the amount of \$192,000.00. He would like to keep the 2007 truck that is currently plowing NYS roads as a spare. He will keep his pick-up truck for another year. He also requested that the Deputy Highway Superintendent be paid \$500.00.

The Recreation Department: Supervisor of Parks and Recreation LaValley handed in a wish list that included a skate sharpener \$899.00, sharpening wheels \$127.00 and a 100 gallon hot water heater \$5,285.00. The current hot water heater (used for the artificial ice) is more than 17 years old. He also requested 10 tables. The Community Center staff currently charges \$5.00 to sharpen a pair of skates. The NYS requirement for the AED's was discussed. If Seaway Valley Ambulance is utilized for the Town, then it can be covered through Phil Brown. New employee Eric LaVac is working out very well and the summer help worked well as a group this year.

The ice season will begin on October 8th and run until March 18th. There was discussion on starting the compressors early- the on demand power charge starts on September 20th. But Supervisor Legault feels that the warmer weather is hard on the equipment. There is also a lot of work to be completed before the ice season- new lift, dock removal and flushing of hydrants.

For the Power Authority properties a new truck, sealing the tennis court and basketball court and a side by side has been requested for the 2018 budget. Supervisor Legault stated that we are staying in the confines of the budget that he and the Power Authority agreed to which allows for market growth each year. The contract will be renegotiated in a couple of years when the intake upgrades are completed.

The Zamboni batteries are good for about 9 more years but a wash water pump at a price of about \$400.00 would allow for better ice.

LMH- may not have a peewee team this year. LMH is charged \$125.00 per month for rental of the concession stand.

Councilman O'Keefe will audit the books on September 11th at the Town Office.

Water Administration: Clerk Orosz requested another file cabinet and reminded the Board to budget for the annual software support charge. A copier will need to be purchased for the office that accommodates the water bills.

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Water Distribution and Purification: Steve Siddon reviewed the budget for the plant. 2017 budget totaled \$116,150.00 and the 2018 requested is \$116,700.00. A new contract needs to be signed with Valley Water Solutions that includes adjustments for Water District #3. C2AE needs to be reminded that we are interested in the filters that will be discontinued in the Town of Tupper Lake. The water towers will have new heaters installed and no plug in electric heaters. John Beattie and Eric LaVac will visit the Towers and repair any vents and things in the buildings that need it. Flushing of hydrants will be completed the weeks of September 24 and October 1st of 2017 and the 1st two weeks of May of 2018. John Beattie's truck needs to be replaced and basic piping for a break in the main line should be on hand. The remodeling of the old highway building to accommodate the water department tools and inventory could be completed by the Capital fund and then rent could be charged to the water departments. The parking lot at the water treatment plant should be sealed.

Water Law Adjustments: We are having issues that are not covered in the water law. There will have to be changes made to the law to direct how the debt repayment should be handled when a building is removed from a property. We currently have 5 properties that this is about to happen on. Clerk Cameron will contact Attorney Eric Gustafson to see how this should be handled.

Clerk Cameron will advertise for a new assessor.

Tax Collection: Tax Collector Orosz spoke to the Board concerning partial payments. Currently SLC offers 3 installments but now NYS is offering partial payment to property owners. Although many in SLC are not in favor of the option, Clerk Orosz will review the process in one year and discuss with other areas throughout NYS and report back to the Board. She is very open to partial payments.

The workshop ended at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Cameron
Town Clerk