

BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE LOUISVILLE TOWN BOARD  
LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2018; 6:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Legault, Supervisor  
Gail Schneider, Councilwoman  
Shawn Thompson, Councilman  
Pat Carroll, Councilman

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: David Moulton, Councilman

Supervisor Legault called the budget workshop to order at 6:06pm.

Assessor: Michael Pearson discussed the current budget for the assessor and does not see any major changes for 2019. He will be adding a tablet or laptop when SLC and NYS get the software updated. His re-appointment is in 2019 and he would like to stay on. He is working on collecting inventory for the reevaluation. The years 2018 and 2019 will be data collection and 2020 will be a mass evaluation with NYS involvement for the 2021 assessment roll. He is currently satisfied with his salary.

Water Administration: Clerk Orosz stated that the budget numbers are about the same from last year. Security fees have increased for online payments and a new laptop or tablet may be needed for water meter reading.

Code Enforcement: Anthony McManaman sent a letter requesting a salary increase due to the multiple inspections that are required for building permits and code violations. There is also a lot of time spent with Planning Board, Board of Appeals and updating of the Code Book issues.

Tax Collection: Clerk Orosz accepted partial payments for the 2018 collection and it was more work. She would like her salary to be compared with Brasher who has 1733 parcels and is paid a salary of \$6,500.00. The Town of Louisville has 1792 parcels and the salary is \$5,840.00.

Town Clerk: Clerk Cameron stated that the budget numbers for the clerk are ok. Clerk Cameron expressed concern over the hourly rate of \$14.65/hr. for office personnel. She feels that it is not in line with office positions elsewhere and if you want to have good employees you need to make sure their wages are in line. Although the Clerk wages are in line with some other Town Clerks around \$29,000.00/yr., some towns such as Brasher who are experiencing an overturn in staff are setting their rates much higher. The Brasher Clerk will make around \$45,000.00 this year for the same office hours as Clerk Cameron.

Water Plant: Steve Siddon from Valley Water Solutions presented a budget analyzing August 2017-July 2018 expenses. There are a few odds and ends: the fencing needs to be secured around the property, weeping tanks may need to be addressed if Aqua Store is in the area, and the filters that Tupper Lake is replacing may be available to us. He takes samples from the water tanks monthly. The Board and he discussed the addition of back up heat for the water tower buildings. If the Valley Water contract is updated this year the rate will increase to \$89,000.00/annually.

Court: Clerk Barber will apply for the grant from NYS Unified Court System for a security window. She also will need to purchase a scanner next year. The cost for the scanner will be about \$300.00. She sees no other big changes for the budget. She is satisfied with the work of Clerk Stone.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried to allow the Louisville Court Clerk to apply for the NYS Unified Court Grant for a security window.

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The Highway Department: Superintendent Fenlong would like to replace his pick-up truck. He reminded the Board that although the department's equipment is fairly new, parts are more expensive than they use to be. Many repairs cannot be done in house and therefore cost more. The parts budget is over for the year 2018 and should be looked at for 2019. Sand and salt purchases are made as late in the season as possible to allow for payment in the next year's budget.

The Recreation Department: Supervisor of Parks and Recreation LaValley stated that on his wish list would be a bucket truck that could be shared with the highway and water department. He thinks a revenue budget of \$65,000.00 for the artificial ice should be sufficient and the 2018 expense budget should be enough for 2019 except: The hourly rate for the part time rink helper will need to be set at the regular board meeting, installing new siding on fire station #1, repaving the community center parking lot and installing outdoor speakers. Also a new wash water pump at the price of \$1,000.00 should be in the budget for 2019 along with the increase of \$850.00 for testing and certification of legionnaire's disease. There are arena doors that need new closures and the overhead door for the compressor room may need replacing. New toilets are currently being installed at the community center and the lift will be removed from the stairway. For 2019 we can use either 5 summer help kids or reduce to 4 and hire a one full time person.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Carroll and duly carried to declare the following playground equipment surplus and put it out to bid: Swing set, jungle gym and monkey bars

Water Distribution: Water Laborer Beattie will purchase a few more clamps in case of a main water line break at a cost of about \$1,000.00. He will also purchase a hydrant to keep in inventory. He doesn't see any other large changes in the budget for next year. He will also keep track of the water towers heat and vents throughout the year when he is reading meters.

The workshop ended at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Cameron  
Town Clerk