

A Work Session and Public Hearings were held November 9, 2016 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M. The following were

PRESENT:

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor
Warren Smith, Councilman
Joseph Tomazin, Jr., Councilman - arrived at 7:13 P.M.
Daniel Cheresnowski, Councilman
Timothy Dalton, Councilman

Also Present: Charles Meade, Highway Superintendent; Tom Larson, Code Enforcement; Dennis Liebe, Fire Marshall; Sue Meade; Charlie Morgan; Melanie Coombs; Cody Coombs.

Meeting Called to Order

Supervisor Yetter called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Yetter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing for Local Law #4 of 2016

Resolution #112-2016

Open Public Hearing – Local Law #4 of 2016
Omnibus Real Property Tax Exemptions

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Dalton, the Public Hearing for Local Law #4 of 2016 Omnibus Real Property Tax Exemptions was opened at 7:02 P.M.

Warren Smith - AYE
Joseph Tomazin, Jr. - Absent
Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE
Timothy Dalton - AYE
Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Supervisor Yetter summarized the intention of the Local Law and opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments from the public or the Town Board.

Resolution #113-2016

Close Public Hearing – Local Law #4 of 2016

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Public Hearing for Local Law #4 of 2016 was closed at 7:03 P.M.

- Warren Smith - AYE
- Joseph Tomazin, Jr. - Absent
- Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE
- Timothy Dalton - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Public Hearing for the 2017 Preliminary Budget

Resolution #114-2016

Open Public Hearing – 2017 Preliminary Budget

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Public Hearing for the 2017 Preliminary Budget was opened at 7:04 P.M.

- Warren Smith - AYE
- Joseph Tomazin, Jr. - Absent
- Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE
- Timothy Dalton - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Supervisor Yetter summarized the changes from the 2016 to the 2017 budget and opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments from the public or the Town Board.

Resolution #115-2016

Close Public Hearing – 2017 Preliminary Budget

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Public Hearing for the 2017 Preliminary Budget was closed at 7:06 P.M.

- Warren Smith - AYE
- Joseph Tomazin, Jr. - Absent
- Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE
- Timothy Dalton - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Surplus of Highway Equipment

USED EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD (2016)

1. 1990 Volvo Auto car – Air Flow Dump and Sander
2. 1993 Volvo Auto car – Air Flow Dump and Sander
3. 1999 Volvo Tractor W/Plow Rigging and 5 Wheel Plate
4. 1965 35 Ton Rogers Low Boy W/Detachable Goose Neck. Live Hyd From Tractor.
5. Henniker Model 20 – 10’ Stainless Steel Hopper Sander. Mid – 1990’s is Workable.
6. 1994 Apsco Road Widener (Shoulder Machine) Powered By A Ford 300 6cy.
(Runnable.)
7. 2 -11Ft. Viking, 1-Way Plows.
8. 2 -11Ft. Viking Right Side Wings.
9. Don’t Know If It’s Possible To Sell. Didn’t Get Title Switched Over To
The Town. Still NV-Schools. 199 Freightliner (Small bus)

Superintendent Meade submitted the above list to the Town Board. Superintendent Meade corrected #6 -- 1994 should be 1954 for the age of the equipment.

There was discussion about #9. Superintendent Meade will look into getting the title switched to the Town.

There was discussion about possible auction venues. Superintendent Meade will research auction venues and then get the above equipment listed with the one that best fits the Town's needs. The understanding is that there will be no cost to the Town.

Resolution #116-2016

Auctioning of Surplus Highway Equipment

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to advertise for auction on the best available auction site the surplus equipment from 1-9 as declared by the Highway Superintendent.

Warren Smith - AYE

Joseph Tomazin, Jr. - Absent

Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE

Timothy Dalton - AYE

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Items of Interest to Board Members

Supervisor Yetter updated the Town Board on the status of the new bathroom in the Historian Building. The project is coming to completion. The furnace needs to be fixed. The water line is hooked up and will be turned on once the furnace is working.

Eagle Scout Project

Supervisor Yetter invited Cody Coombs to come forward. Cody presented a poster with pictures of his Eagle project to the Town Board. The project's objective was the clean-up of the Tiona Road cemetery. Six dump trailer loads of debris were removed from the cemetery, which took place in May 2016. A sign was installed last week and the project is now complete. The Town Board was impressed with the final results and thanked Cody for his efforts. Supervisor Yetter signed off on the project.

Adoption of the Local Law #4 of 2016

Resolution #117-2016

**Adoption of Local Law #4 of 2016
Omnibus Real Property Tax Exemptions**

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Town Board adopted Local Law #4 of 2016 - Omnibus Real Property Tax Exemptions.

- Warren Smith - AYE
- Joseph Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
- Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE
- Timothy Dalton - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Adoption of the 2017 Preliminary Budget

There was discussion about the Maine EMS contract before the vote to adopt the 2017 Preliminary Budget as the 2017 Final Budget. Supervisor Yetter received a new contract for 2017 with a proposed contract amount of \$75,000. The 2017 Preliminary Budget has allotted \$55,000 for this service. The Town Board feels it is not feasible to pay the proposed increase from 2016's budget amount of \$53,000 and keep within the tax cap for 2017. It was decided that Supervisor Yetter will contact Maine EMS for further negotiations. After the discussion, the Board voted.

Resolution #118-2016

Adoption of the 2017 Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget

On a motion offered by Councilman Cheresnowski and seconded by Councilman Smith, the Town Board adopted the 2017 Preliminary Budget as presented at the Board Meeting as the Final 2017 Budget.

- Warren Smith - AYE
- Joseph Tomazin, Jr. - AYE
- Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE
- Timothy Dalton - AYE
- Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Department Reports

Fire Marshall

Dennis Liebe submitted a letter of resignation. He is retiring at the end of 2016. The Town Board thanked Mr. Liebe for his years of service. Mr. Liebe stated he enjoyed serving the Town as Fire Marshall. Supervisor Yetter, Councilman Cheresnowski and Mr. Liebe will meet to discuss potential candidates to fill the position.

Code Enforcement

Tom Larson discussed the following with the Town Board:

1. Kasmarcik property - Mortgage Contracting Services has been authorized by the bank to hire an exterminator to deal with the rat problem.
2. Verizon has completed its obligation to recertify the cell tower special use permit.
3. Code's report for the month of October is on file in the Clerk's office.

Resolution #119-2016

Authorization of Verizon Special Use Permit

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Smith, based on the information provided by the Code Enforcement Officer, Verizon Telecommunication Company is in compliance with the Special Use permit and all applicable statues, laws, local laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, the Town Board authorizes the issue of a recertification Special Use permit for Verizon.

Warren Smith - AYE

Joseph Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE

Timothy Dalton - AYE

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Executive Session

Resolution #120-2016

Enter Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Executive Session was opened at 7:35 P.M.

Warren Smith - AYE

Joseph Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE

Timothy Dalton - AYE

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

Resolution #121-2016

Exit Executive Session

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Tomazin, the Executive Session was closed at 7:40 P.M.

Warren Smith - AYE

Joseph Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Daniel Cheresnowski - AYE

Timothy Dalton - AYE

Supervisor Yetter - AYE

Motion Carried

The executive session was to discuss Highway Contract Negotiations. Supervisor Yetter was authorized to send a reply to the Union President.

There was a motion made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting is November 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet B. Smith
Deputy Town Clerk