

TOWN OF PENDLETON
September 21, 2020

A budget session of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton was held at the Town Hall, 6570 Campbell Blvd., Pendleton, NY, on the 21st day of September 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was open to the public. The meeting was also conducted as a live GoToMeeting and a conference call line was provided to the public allowing access to live audio. The audio recording of the meeting is posted on the town's website.

Supervisor Maerten opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Supervisor Joel Maerten, Councilman David Fischer and Councilman Jason Evchich were present. Councilmen David Leible and Justin Graham were absent.

Also present:

Deborah Maurer – Town Clerk
Don Bergman – Budget Officer
Mark Walter – Deputy Town Supervisor

Dawn Timm, Director of the Niagara County Refuse Disposal District, Joe Hickman from Modern Corporation and Wendelville Fire Company Chief Jamie McDonough, 1st Assistant Chief Matt Berry and Recording Secretary Russell Talma were also in attendance. There were no residents present.

Ms. Timm and Mr. Hickman provided information regarding the new 2021 refuse and recycling contract that will include transitioning residents to the use of refuse bins. Ms. Timm began her presentation by discussing the details of the contract that was approved by the Town Board at its regular meeting on September 14, 2020. She continued to explain the new process for collecting refuse and answered several questions asked by the Board members who were present. Both Ms. Timm and Mr. Hickman shared information from their experience with other towns that already use this service. Ms. Timm suggested that the Town begin to inform the residents as soon as possible and will provide literature, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that can be posted on the website. She expects that residents will be calling with questions.

Supervisor Maerten thanked both for attending and will follow up with more information as it becomes available.

Next, Supervisor Maerten invited members of the Wendelville Fire Company (WFC) to present their 2021 budget request. WFC Recording Secretary Talma provided an informative PowerPoint presentation to all in attendance highlighting the following:

- History of the fire company
- Population, assessment and budget information for the Town
- Fire company call volume
- New development in Pendleton
- WFC Fundraising
- Insurance Services Office (ISO) ratings
- Anticipated equipment replacement
- Need for aerial apparatus
- Requests for renovation or replacement of one or more fire halls

The Wendelville Fire Company respectfully requested a minimal COLA and town growth related increase for 2021 based on a contract in the amount of \$360,257.00.

Budget Officer Bergman acknowledged that he has already received a copy of the request from WFC and thanked them for their presentation.

Budget Officer Bergman reported that he has still not received responses from many of the departments.

Discussions were conducted regarding the following budget items:

- Town Board
- Independent Audit & Accounting
- Budget Officer
- Attorney
- Central Printing & Mailing (Town Hall mailings/postage)
- Control of Dogs (enumeration costs)
- Superintendent of Highways (Clerical Staff)
- Economic Opportunities (NIACAP and Lockport Library)
- Parks
- Playgrounds & Recreation Centers
- Youth Program (PABA)
- Town Historian
- Celebrations
- Cemeteries

Mr. Bergman noted that he is waiting for information regarding Workers' Compensation and the Town's medical insurance rates for 2021. Supervisor Maerten indicated that he will contact the Town's representative at Evans Agency for this information.

Another discussion occurred regarding the new refuse contract. Supervisor Maerten will forward an email from Dawn Timm to Mr. Bergman containing the specifics on anticipated costs.

Budget Officer Bergman stated that he will be reaching out to the departments that have not yet provided their requests.

The next budget session is scheduled for October 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Deborah K. Maurer, Town Clerk