

TOWN OF PENDLETON

October 12, 2020

A Budget Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton was held at the Town Hall, 6570 Campbell Blvd., Pendleton, NY, on the 12th day of October 2020. The meeting was scheduled to begin immediately following the Regular Meeting and 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.

Budget Officer Bergman called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

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

Also present:

Deborah Maurer – Town Clerk
Claude Joerg – Town Attorney
Mark Walter – Deputy Supervisor
Don Bergman – Budget Officer
Jeff Stowell – Highway and Water/Sewer Superintendent
Margit Denning – Public Works Clerk

There were no residents in attendance. There was one caller on the line.

Budget Officer Bergman began by reviewing the Revenue Report for the General Fund. He stated that he expects the sales tax revenue to be down this year due to COVID-19. Decreased revenue amounts were noted for the following General Fund accounts:

- Use of Money & Property – Other Culture & Recreation
- Departmental Income – Planning Board Fees
- Use of Money & Property – Interest & Earnings Capital
- Licenses & Permits – Building Permits
- Licenses & Permits – Business Permits
- Fines & Forfeitures – Fines & Forfeitures Bail
- Other Unclassified Refunds – Wheatfield Reimbursement Assessor
- Other Estimated Revenues – Court Facilities Grant
- Other Estimated Revenues – Solar Reimbursement

Next, Mr. Bergman reviewed the anticipated Highway expenses. He noted that most of the Personal Services lines were increased by 2% pending further discussion with the Board. The majority of the expenses remain the same as those budgeted for 2020 with the exception of Social Security/Medicare and Hospital/Medical Insurance where he expects slight increases. A discussion also occurred about the Highway Capital Reserve account. Superintendent Stowell stated that he did not provide a number for this account and would leave it open for discussion with the Board.

The Revenue Report for Highway was discussed next. Budget Officer Bergman indicated a reduction in the Non-Property Tax - Distributed by County of \$50,000.00. Also discussed was an approximate 20% decrease in the Consolidated Highway revenue.

The discussion moved on to Fire Protection revenue then to Fire Protection expenses. The Fire Protection District – Contractual will be estimated at approximately \$350,000.00. Other expenses from the Fire Protection District are expected to be about the same as the previous year.

Budget Office Bergman continued on with the expenses for Refuse commenting that Supervisor Maerten will be providing the expenses for the new totes after which he will fill in these numbers. He also noted that the Town has been building up a surplus in anticipation of needing the new totes which will be considered in the calculations for Refuse.

Discussions occurred regarding the proposed painting of the Town's water tower, the firemen's life insurance premium, the 2021 Independence Day expenses and the necessity of repaving the Town Hall parking lot. There was also a conversation about auctioning off surplus Highway equipment for creating potential revenue.

The next Budget Meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Budget Officer Bergman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Deborah K. Maurer, Town Clerk

PENDING APPROVAL