PENDING APPROVAL

TOWN OF PENDLETON BUDGET MEETING

October 19, 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 19th day of October 2020. The meeting was open to the public.

Supervisor Maerten called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Also present:

Deborah Maurer – Town Clerk Don Bergman – Budget Officer Craig Walter – Deputy Highway Superintendent

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

Budget Officer Bergman began by distributing an updated copy of the tentative budget to review.

A conversation took place regarding a salary change requested for the Town Attorney.

Budget Officer Bergman provided Town Clerk Maurer with the proposed salaries for the following elected officials to be published in the Public Hearing notice:

Town Supervisor \$19,140.00 Council (4 @ \$7,742.50 each) \$30,970.00 Town Clerk \$55,967.00 Superintendent of Highways \$50,745.00

He also provided the Wendelville Fire Company contractual request of \$350,257.00.

The salary for the new Laborer that will be hired for the Water/Sewer Department was also discussed. Mr. Bergman inquired about the anticipated hire date pay rate needed for this calculation.

Councilman Graham asked questions about the recent decreases in sales tax that Supervisor Maerten reports on at the regular monthly board meetings. As reported at the October meeting, there has been a decrease of \$69,382.58 in sales tax as of August 2020 when compared to August 2019. Supervisor Maerten is expecting the sales tax revenue decreases to continue due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Also discussed were possible salary increases above the 2% for certain clerical staff, anticipated postage expenses and painting of the water tank. There was a lengthy discussion about various departments' personal service/salary lines.

Supervisor Maerten initiated a conversation about the Summer Recreation program. It has yet to be determined if the program can be held next year because of COVID-19. The Board members also had a conversation regarding the new refuse contract and the potential effects on the upcoming budget.

Mr. Bergman continued going over the worksheet and provided clarification to various questions about the amounts listed on the preliminary budget. He stated that he will update the worksheet for next week's meeting.

The next Budget Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020, immediately following the Work Session. This meeting is open to the public.

Budget Officer Bergman adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.