

TOWN OF PENDLETON
BUDGET MEETING
October 26, 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 26th day of October 2020. The meeting was scheduled to begin immediately following the Work Session and was open to the public.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Maerten, Councilman Evchich, Councilman Fischer and Councilman Graham were present. Councilman Leible was absent.

Also present:

- Deborah Maurer – Town Clerk
- Jeff Stowell – Highway and Water/Sewer Superintendent
- Don Bergman – Budget Officer
- Margit Denning – Public Works Clerk

There were no residents in attendance.

Budget Officer Bergman presented the final version of the adjusted budget to the Board members.

The discussion began by reviewing various cuts to the budget. Supervisor Maerten explained that due to the loss of revenue resulting from the COVID-10 pandemic the Town is in a dire financial situation and will need to focus on essentials. Mr. Bergman reviewed the following proposed adjustments:

General Fund

- Parks – Fixed Assets – reduced by \$20,000
- Library – Lockport Public Library – reduced by \$15,000
- Celebrations – Contractual Expense – reduced by \$10,000 (because the 2021 Independence Day fireworks will be paid out of this year's budget)
- Conservation Board – Personal Service – reduced by \$2,400
- Conservation Board – Contractual Expense – reduced by \$2,500
- Drainage – Contractual Expense – reduced by \$75,000 (Tan-Tara drainage project on hold until 2022)

General Fund Estimated Revenue

- Transfer Building Reserve – reduced by \$20,000 (transferred into General Fund – Central Garage – Fixed Assets)

Highway Fund

- General Repairs – Contractual Expense – reduced by \$125,000

A discussion occurred regarding the reserve funds that had previously been set aside for the new recycle bins. There were no adjustments made to the Refuse, Fire Protection and Water sections of the tentative budget.

Highway and Water/Sewer Superintendent Stowell asked the Board to consider pay rate increases for the clerical staff at the Public Works Garage. A lengthy discussion took place about adjusting salaries for the Public Works and some Town Hall clerical staff.

The Public Hearing to present the 2021 Preliminary Budget is scheduled for November, 2, 2020. This meeting is open to the public.

Budget Officer Bergman closed the meeting at 8:23 p.m.