

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held October 30, 2018 at the Town Hall commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Shawn Marriott, Supervisor
Joan Breslin, Council Member
Jerry Cunningham, Council Member
Linda Sutton, Council Member

Absent: Nick Nahas, Deputy Supervisor

Recording Secretary: Patti Fetty-Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Karen Tirpak-Bookkeeper
Joseph van Holsteyn-Highway Superintendent
1 community member

Supervisor Marriott called the meeting to order at 5:36pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Marriott discussed the need for the telephones at the two parks. He checked with Terry Ward, from the Youth Bureau and Ruth Fishman to see if they thought the phones were needed. Shawn also checked with Attorney Rappleyea to see if other towns had telephones at their parks. If the phones are turned off, they will still work for 911 calls. The board decided to delete that line item, which is a decrease of \$1000.

Supervisor Marriott spoke with Joe van Holsteyn, Bank of Greene County and Attorney Rappleyea about the BAN note, which Joe was going to use to purchase a loader. Marriott was thinking if we did not renew the BAN this year the payment would not come due until January 2020, therefore it would be deducted from this year's budget. There was discussion if a loader was needed. If the BAN is left in and no changes made the budget increase will be 5.32%. If \$25,000 is left in this year's budget as a down payment and take the BAN out for \$75,000, the increase would be 3.67%.

Council Member Cunningham asked if we could remove Hillcrest Road from the road repair list.

Council Member Sutton asked if the quarterly reports were necessary. Marriott thought with the new computer system the reports were necessary.

Council Member Breslin wanted to take some money from each line, but not the highway.

The board then went line by line to see where they could cut.

Reduce Assessor clerk line from \$19,565 to \$16,000
Reduce Assessor other line from \$7450 to \$5250
Check with the Assessor on how much the increase from the assessments would be
The BAN note was left the same
Added \$30,000 to the Anticipated Revenue to \$230,853

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There was discussion on eliminating the police dispatch line. It was decided to leave for this year and Supervisor Marriott will discuss with Officer Sutton on ways to eliminate the calls to his home.

Council Member Cunningham made a motion and seconded by Council Member Breslin to accept the preliminary budget. All were in favor and the motion carried. Absent Nahas

Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn had spoken to Jay Garuc about putting in a driveway on Allen Teator Road. Van Holsteyn was advised by Attorney Rappleyea to have Mr. Garuc hire an engineer to advise him on the layout of the driveway and drainage. Mr. Garuc has also closed the bank driveway next to GSK. He will be signing a waiver that anyone caught on the property will be arrested for trespassing.

Council Member Cunningham made a motion and seconded by Council Member Sutton to adjourn the meeting at 8:52. All were in favor and the motion carried. Absent Nahas

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Fetty,
Deputy Clerk/Collector