

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
PATTERSON TOWN HALL
1142 ROUTE 311
PATTERSON, NY 12563

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

October 8, 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT: MICHAEL GRIFFIN, SUPERVISOR
KEVIN BURNS, COUNCILMAN
CHARLES W. COOK, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
PETER DANDREANO, COUNCILMAN
SHAWN ROGAN, COUNCILMAN
PATRICIA BROOKS, TOWN COMPTROLLER
ANTOINETTE KOPECK, TOWN CLERK
DONALD M. ROSSI, TOWN COUNSEL

Salute to the Flag and Roll Call.

Supervisor Griffin called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. with 4 in attendance.

Mr. Rossi, Town Counsel, read the following legal notice:

Mr. Griffin stated if anyone has any questions, please come up to the microphone and ask your question.

Mr. Bruce Major stated I am looking at both Garbage Districts. Page 2, the Tentative 2015 Town Budget, the back of the page where it talks about Fund Balances. The current Fund Balance for Garbage District No. 1 is at \$201,000.00, with an annual cost to the residents at \$251,000.00, which means you have almost 80% in reserves. Is that a problem. I remember when the Comptroller issued their report; they spoke about the amount of money that could be set aside percentage wise. I was just curious, are you running into a problem with that particular district.

Mr. Griffin stated it is a little over what the Comptroller's guidelines suggest. Our concern is that the contract is up in February of 2016 and there will be a bit of an increase, so the monies will be used to offset that increase.

Mr. Major stated if you go to Page 38 of the budget as it relates to Garbage District No. 2, how much money from our Fund Balance do you plan on using. It looks like \$30,000.00.

Mr. Burns stated in general or as to Sanitation....

Mr. Major stated Garbage District No. 2.

Ms. Patricia Brooks stated zero.

Mr. Major stated what is that line for \$30,000.00. It says from Fund Balance, Sanitation Contractual.

Ms. Brooks stated that was the Budget Adjustment No. 19 that was done this year for \$75,821.00 to purchase the recycling truck.

Mr. Major stated but it says here; 2015 requested \$30,000.00, tentative stage \$30,000.00, what is that for.

Ms. Brooks stated that is for that line which is Patterson Refuse Building Equipment and Capital Expense.

Mr. Major stated is that for Garbage District No. 2 or the Recycling Center.

Ms. Brooks stated Garbage District No. 2.

Mr. Major stated where is that \$30,000.00 coming from.

Ms. Brooks stated taxes.

Mr. Major stated is it coming from the reserves.

Ms. Brooks stated no. If you look at the bottom of Page 39, that bottom number is the amount that is taken from Fund Balance so the requested stage was \$15,000.00, tentative was zero from Fund Balance and Preliminary was zero from Fund Balance. That is the net of the revenues less the expense.

Mr. Major stated my concern is the amount of money that we have in Fund Balance for Garbage District No. 2. We are at \$106,000.00, I believe.

Ms. Brooks stated yes.

Mr. Major stated if you remember two years ago when we had a failure of proper maintenance, I think it cost almost \$80,000.00 in fixes. Would it be appropriate to increase the cost to start building up that Fund Balance. Think of it this way, we have a Fund Balance of \$106,000.00, the Supervisor has indicated during the budget review a couple of weeks ago that if we go forward with Garbage District No. 2, there may be a need to buy two packers at a quarter of a million dollars each. My concern is a \$106,000.00 really puts us in a hole.

Mr. Burns stated we wouldn't buy them out right. We would probably bond them and we would have to have sufficient funds to pay the bond over the life of the capital that we are purchasing.

Mr. Major stated it is still a lot of money when you are looking a million dollar garbage district with \$100,000.00, and then you look at a \$300,000.00 garbage district with \$200,000.00 in reserves, it just seems that we are not.....

Mr. Burns stated you are not suggesting that we start reserving money to purchase them outright. That doesn't seem to be visibly prudent.

Mr. Major stated I just want to make sure that we don't run into a similar situation that we did two years ago where we further depleted those reserves. This year alone, I think an extra \$10,000.00 had to be pulled, if I'm not mistaken, from reserves or another area because of extra costs with the garbage district. Is that correct.

Ms. Brooks stated we've taken money from reserves, yes. Currently, the usage of Fund Balance is \$111,896.00.

Mr. Major stated I would like you to take another look at that to make sure we don't run into problems within this next year. Thank you.

Mr. Burns made a **motion** at 7:10 p.m. to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Cook. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANTOINETTE KOPECK, TOWN CLERK