

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

October 9, 2013

MINUTES

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

Salute to the Flag and Roll Call.

Supervisor Griffin called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. with 12 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. Major stated I was at the Work Session and I was aware you raised both the salaries on both the Justices with the understanding that there would be a resolution in reference to the medical and I see it is still not on the agenda.

Mr. Griffin stated November prior to the budget adoption.

Mr. Major stated okay, does it have to be done before Election Day.

Mr. Griffin stated not that I am aware of.

Mr. Major stated I think that is a question because then it could be at the next Town Board meeting which is in October.

Mr. Griffin stated okay, we will wait for an opinion from our Legal Staff.

Mr. Major stated on page one of the budget the Safety Inspection Fees are showing a 50% increase over a two year period of time. Where do we generate these fees from.

Mr. Griffin stated basically from Building Permits, and Inspection Fees. If Jehovah's or Patterson Crossing pulls permits they would be substantial fees.

Mr. Major stated and if they don't, will we be able to realize \$130,000.00.

Mr. Griffin stated if would be really close. Trish would you like to answer that.

Ms. Patricia Brooks, Town Comptroller stated my projection based on the last 12 months I think was \$117,000.00 and the \$130,000.00 was submitted by the Building Department.

Mr. Major stated ok, because it shows the actuary at about \$68,000.00 and I don't know what month that is from that is why I was curious. That is only about half of what you were anticipating.

Ms. Brook stated that is probably through August.

Mr. Major stated a couple of meetings ago I raised the issue of the Assessor and you were looking at the contract and I noticed on the budget you are still only realizing about \$40,000.00 from the Village, where are we on that.

Mr. Griffin stated we are still negotiating.

Mr. Major stated so that number could change.

Mr. Griffin stated yes.

Mr. Major stated as it related to page 4, I know at the Work Session one of the Town Board members indicated that the in-lieu for Town Councilpeople should be removed. There is still a note on the bottom of page 4. I would like the Town Board to reconsider that. I think the in-lieu of being rolled over into salary will still have our Councilpeople making less than the surrounding Towns.

Ms. Brooks stated we backed that out.

Mr. Major stated I know you backed it out but the note was still there. I would think you would reconsider that. That would put the salary at \$20,000.00.

Mr. Burns stated we did not roll that in and the proposed salary is \$19,240.00.

Mr. McCarthy stated we took the in-lieu of for part-time out.

Mr. Major stated I'm just recommending that you put it back in. That's all.

Mr. Burns stated I don't understand why we would put it back in. We are not going to give ourselves the in-lieu of medical benefits and you are suggesting we should.

Mr. Major stated no, what I am suggesting is just as you readjusted the salaries for the Town Justices, I'm recommending you reevaluate the salaries for the Town Board.

Mr. Burns stated ok.

Mr. Major stated on page 7, this all falls on the Assessor. The Assessor's salary is \$114,000.00.

Ms. Brooks stated \$114,933.00.

Mr. Major stated and the in-lieu of is \$4,500.00.

Mr. Burns stated I think that is longevity.

Mr. Major stated no, no. He also gets the in-lieu of, doesn't he.

Ms. Brooks stated no.

Mr. Major stated does he get the health insurance.

Ms. Brooks stated yes.

Mr. Major stated and how much is the health insurance.

Ms. Brooks stated \$20,000.00, well net would be \$18,000.00

Mr. Major stated he kicks in a certain amount.

Ms. Brooks stated 10%.

Mr. Major stated what is the social security cost for that employee on the Town side.

Ms. Brooks stated 7.65%

Mr. Major stated so that is \$8,000.00 give or take.

Ms. Brooks stated it is not broken down per person.

Mr. Major stated is he currently receiving longevity.

Ms. Brooks stated I believe so.

Mr. Major stated and how much is he receiving.

Ms. Brooks stated I think it is either \$2,000.00 or \$2,500.00.

Mr. Burns stated the line is the entire Department.

Ms. Brooks stated yes.

Mr. Major stated it also says Assessor Contractual \$8,000.00, what is that.

Ms. Brooks stated office supplies.

Mr. Major stated that is not an additional benefit. Does he have a sub-contract with the Town for other things.

Ms. Brooks stated no.

Mr. Major stated what are the pension costs on the \$114,000.00.

Ms. Brooks stated 21%.

Mr. Major stated 21% of the salary.

Mr. Griffin stated 21% of everyone's salary, Tier 4.

Mr. Major stated so that would put him up around \$150,000.00 and 40% of \$150,000.00 is substantially higher than the \$40,000.00 that you are looking at. Those are the number I think you should be looking at. As you remember the chart I showed 45% of his work would be up there and 55% would be here and I think you could get a better deal than the \$40,000.00.

Mr. Major stated page 19 the bond on the landfill, the principle went from \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 and the interest from \$4,000.00 down to \$2,100.00. Are we increasing the payoff or is this a requirement.

Mr. Griffin stated that is just the way the bond writes out.

Mr. Major stated so there will be an increase of about \$3,000.00 which is fine.

Mr. Griffin stated it's almost a wash.

Ms. Brooks stated 2014 was the payment for that bond.

Mr. Major stated as it relates to Garbage District No. 2, is there a line for Vehicle Equipment Maintenance and Inspection.

Ms. Brooks stated page 38, RP8160400.

Mr. Major stated that is \$20,000.00.

Ms. Brooks stated yes.

Mr. Major stated how much did we spend this year.

Ms. Brooks stated so far we spent \$53,963.63. A lot of that is repairs on trucks.

Mr. Major stated and we have a (inaudible).

Ms. Brooks stated yes, we got rid of a lot of trucks, they were sold.

Mr. Major stated and we are comfortable that \$20,000.00 is sufficient when we spent almost \$54,000.00 this year.

Ms. Brooks stated that was the recommendation, yes.

Mr. Major stated this Board has had the Richardson Report since the beginning of August and I haven't heard anything discussed unless you are doing it in Executive Session. You put in that there will be five people in the Garbage District. We will still be spending almost a million dollars compared to \$250,000.00 for Garbage District No. 1 and I see we are giving the Administrator a raise. As you know, I have been bringing to the Board some of the deficiencies that we've seen and I find it troubling that we still have an Administrator for this District when the District is being run so poorly. I would hope that later on in the meeting there will be a discussion on the Richardson Report and what your plans are for Garbage District No. 2. I see it in your Budget Mike, I haven't heard any of the Councilpeople speak to the issue of do they want to put it out to bid to get a sense on what a private contractor would charge. Is your recommendation of going to five people the right way to go and what kind of management are we going to have going forward. Looking at

your own records, these vehicles haven't been inspected in over two years. I certainly hope we will hear something later in the evening about the Richardson Report.  
Mr. Burns made a **motion** to close the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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ANTOINETTE KOPECK, TOWN CLERK