

Minutes of September 24, 2019 Germantown Town Board workshop, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, New York, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilman Moore
Councilman Kukon

Absent: Councilwoman DuFresne
Councilman Sullivan

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor opened the workshop and Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Beaury started the workshop with the amount of \$1,544,853 for 2020 preliminary budget.

Real property taxes are kept at the same number for 2019 and they will again be using some fund balance to balance the budget. They can also increase real property tax which will give them \$12,500.

Supervisor Beaury explained we have recurring fixed expenses such as the Sidewalk bond of \$65,000 a year. A new roof on the salt shed will cost \$50,000 next year along with legal expenses of about \$45,000, which is \$20,000 more than usual, plus the LWRP in the amount of \$10,000 which all roughly add up to \$120,000.

Supervisor Beaury also mentioned they will re-do zoning law in the future which will cost the town on the low end about \$50,000 for the planner and the attorney if all goes smoothly.

Supervisor Beaury is thinking more like \$75,000. Re-Zoning is not in the 2020 budget.

Supervisor Beaury said the Board needs to decide if there will be a real property tax increase. And for sales tax collected the Town will get approximately 3.6 cents per dollar of sales tax collected.

Supervisor Beaury said he put in a realistic number of \$24,000 for Camp charges in the 2020 budget. Camp counselors are budgeted for \$32,500.

There was discussion regarding some budget cuts and not purchasing vehicles.

There was discussion on the Sewer Plant and Maintenance and how the town should see a cost savings in Sewer next year and Maintenance should be more efficient.

Supervisor Beaury said insurance went down in the budget for next year because of the changes we made last year with abolishing the police department.

Increases in the budget in Parks for more topsoil for the fields and repairs to Cheviot cemetery.

Councilman Kukon suggested Highway show the amount spent on repairs and expenses before purchasing new equipment. Councilman Kukon also thinks the Town doesn't need a 10-wheeler.

Supervisor Beaury said there are no financial problems in the Lighting District.

Supervisor Beaury said there will be a Public Hearing on October 8th and at the Town Board meeting that night they will adopt the preliminary budget and then at the November Town Board meeting the final budget will be adopted.

The preliminary budget will be posted on the Town website and a copy will be available in the Clerk's office.

Motion to close the workshop made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Workshop closed at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,