

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
2017 Budget Work Session
October 18, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Donald Jordan, Deputy Supervisor Joshua Bluhm, Councilmen Alyn Holcomb, Michael Cannon and Howard Cornwall. Highway Superintendent Ben Reynolds, Town Clerk Bonita Brunner and Accountants Kathy and Jack Barry

Town Residents: Kayla Bluhm, Kay Reynolds, Peggy Cowell

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Jordan at 6 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Floor Permission: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion about the 2017 Budget. This will be another difficult year due to the tax cap which has been instituted by New York State. For 2017 the Tax Cap will be .0068. There is also an option to do a Local Law which will allow the Town to go over the tax cap for 2017.

In the General Fund:

- The Clerk will contact the Bolivar Fire Department for their figures.
- The Supervisor will contact Richardson & Stout to clarify the costs for our insurance.
- The Library has requested a \$1,000 increase this year (\$6,000 instead of \$5,000). This would be because all elections are now held at the Library. This increase was tentatively entered and will be decided before the budget figures are finalized.
- A line will be added to track digging costs for cemetery graves.
- The Clerk will notify the Accountants regarding the mowing contract. Bids will be opened for a new 3-year contract tonight at the Regular Board meeting.
- Hospital and Medical Insurance will need to be increased due to the Union contract.

In the Highway Fund:

- Road Construction will be dropped to \$69,000 (CHIPS money).
- The County has advised that they will be replacing a bridge on Deer Creek. The town's share (15%) will be approximately \$42,000. After discussion it was decided that we would transfer \$22,000 from the General Fund to the Highway Fund to partially cover this.
- Wages will need to be increased per the Union contract. This will also increase Social Security, Retirement, etc.
- Hospital and Medical Insurance will need to be increased due to the Union contract.

Accountants will prepare the Tentative Budget for another meeting scheduled for November 2 at 7 p.m. They also scheduled the Public Hearing for the Budget for November 15 prior to the Regular Town Board meeting. It is possible that, if approved, the budget will be adopted at that meeting. Deadline for an Adopted Budget is November 20.

Motion made by CP Holcomb to adjourn the Budget work session, 2nd by CP Cannon. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Brunner
Town Clerk

Dated: October 18, 2016