

**Town of Genesee
Little Genesee, NY 14754
Work Session – 2018 Tentative Budget
October 17, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Donald Jordan; Councilpersons Howard Cornwall, Alyn Holcomb, Joshua Bluhm, Michael Cannon; Highway Superintendent Ben Reynolds; Accountants Jack & Kathy Berry; Town Clerk Bonita Brunner

Visitors: Alex Smith, Kayla Bluhm, Colt Andrew Bluhm

This meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Jordan at 6:00 pm. to discuss the Tentative 2018 Budget. Accountants Jack and Kathy Berry presented the figures for Health Insurance, Contractual Insurance, and Retirement.

Regarding wages for the highway workers, discussion regarding the issue with the dates on the contract and Mr. Jordan's discussion with Union Rep regarding allowing a \$.50 per hour raise for 2018 until a new contract can be negotiated. It is Berry's opinion that, as there will be considerable increase in the health insurance for 2018, that the 2017 pay rates (as listed in the contract) should continue pending new negotiations. Nothing has been received from the Bolivar Fire Department as to their budget.

Also, the Assessors have requested a pay increase of approximately 2%. Discussion about a pay increase for the Highway Superintendent, possibly \$500 a year.

Town Clerk requested money be budgeted for additional security in her office. Discussion about adding a glass partition and an additional door for actual access to the Clerk's and Supervisor's office and if anyone wanted access to the main hall/Courtroom. This door would be activated by the Clerk. Kathy advises that this would be added under A1620.2 Building Improvements.

Supervisor Jordan is to contact the Union Rep about the wage issue and to set up negotiations ASAP. Clerk will attempt to get quotes from contractors regarding the security issue. Clerk will attempt to contact someone at Bolivar Fire regarding their 2018 Request. Accountants will prepare two budgets – one including the pay increases and extra monies and one without. These will be reviewed considering the tax cap of 1.84%.

Additional meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 for further discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Brunner
Town Clerk
Dated: October 19, 2017