

TOWN OF CANTON BOARD/BUDGET WORK SESSION

Wednesday October 25th 2017

4:00 pm

Minutes

Present: Supervisor David T. Button, Council members Paul Backus, James Smith, Bob Washo and Phil LaMarche

Also in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Historian Linda Casserly, Deputy Clerk Danielle Gollinger, Jake Newman, Maryann Ashley, Klaus Proem, Toby Irven and Recreation Director Caitlin Boreyko, Highway Superintendant Terry Billings, Tim Danehy, Carol Pynchon, Travis VanBrocklyn, Dan Soulia, Linda Soulia and Village Mayor Mike Dalton

Absent: Attorney Charles Nash, Assessor Steve Teele and Leigh Rodriguez

4:00 PM Supervisor Button opened the Meeting

Supervisor Button stated that the purposed 2018 Budget is calling for an increase in the tax rate to \$2.60 per 1,000.00 – a 5% increase over this year's rate.

The purposed budget also calls for a 1.5% pay increase for employees, with the recreation department receiving a 2% increase. Questions and answered were exchanges between board members and Supervisor David Button. One suggestion was made by Councilman Bob Washo that he felt the Budget was too hard to read and would like to see the presentation be put in a certain fashion such as for example: Code Enforcement Officer Personnel service, Code Enforcement Officer health insurance cost and whatever other benefits go toward that office. Supervisor David Button stated that he will work on this with perhaps a side note with this information. Button also stated that the Comptroller's Office, who provides over sight asks for it to be in this format. Washo asked that the employees that have separate job titles be listed in the same area to make for easier reading and understanding what the total salaries are in whole. (such as health insurance).

Supervisor Button stated that the Towns levy would increase to \$1,254,857.00 next year, a \$32,368 increase from 2017. The recreation department will see a 2% increase. After discussion was held there were no changes made to the purposed budget.

A brief discussion was held on MR Bell's. Mayor Mike Dalton was present and went over information about the property at 30 Riverside Dr. of the bids the Village received on removing the building and asbestos remediation work at the site. It was decided to place this on the special meeting agenda to be held on October 30th, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. to determine the amount of monies the Town of Canton will contribute.

Motion to hold a special called board meeting on October 30th, 2017 7:00 p.m. to discuss MR Bells remediation and to hold a Executive Session to discuss Personnel Code Enforcement Officer.

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

6:00 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Phil LaMarche

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa A. Hammond Canton Town Clerk

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

Members of the public were present and commented on a face book post page of David T. Button for Supervisor. John Collins a resident of the Town of Canton spoke first and asked that this be entered into the record. Collins read the post from the page that was in response to an interview of North Country Public Radio about the political climate on the St. Lawrence University. Collins read the content of the post which had a caption of "is this what our community is coming to?" the post also contained the following statements. "This is happening on the SLU Campus and in our local newspapers. Reject the agenda of these intolerant, hate filled people". "Vote Republican and Conservative Candidates, Keep our community kind and tolerate".

Collins stated the post has been deleted from face book.

Supervisor David Button stated that he feels this is a political matter and is not subject to discussion at a government meeting. Button stated he is open to a private discussion on the matter.

8:07 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Phil LaMarche

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa A. Hammond". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lisa A. Hammond
Canton Town Clerk