

Town of Canton
October 27, 2021
Special Board Meeting 5:15pm
Minutes

Present

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, Council Members Bob Washo, Dave Nelson, James Smith, and Martha Foley Smith

Also in Attendance

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Jeni Reed, Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper Dylan Barringer, Angela Gray CPA

Members of the Public: Lyne Soulia, Dan Soulia, Heather Newcombe, Kathryn Liscum, M. Morgan, Heidi Smith

A. Call to Order

- Mary Ann Ashley opened the special meeting at 5:16pm

B. 2022 Budget Work Session

- General conversation among the Council members regarding the budget for next year.
- Public Hearing will be next Thursday to review the budget - the legal notice will include elected officials base salaries as follows:
 - Supervisor - \$16,329
 - Council Members (4) - \$5,605
 - Clerk - \$43,961
 - Highway Superintendent - \$64,375
 - Justices (2) - \$30,176
- Board further discussion:
 - Bob Washo - everything looks good and has been incorporated as discussed, and he feels we are ready to move forward.
 - Martha Foley Smith - she is grateful to see the Recreation budget increased and covered, and thanks Supervisor Ashley for her work on this.
 - Dave Nelson - thank you to Dylan Barringer and Mary Ann Ashley for their quick turnaround on all changes and all the work put in.
 - Mary Ann Ashley - kudos to Gray & Gray for their work on the budget. The legal notice being published tomorrow will show a single proposed budget. Sales tax projections are pretty close and she is hopeful it will continue at an increase. She notes that the budget remains under the tax cap, and there were a number of requests that could not be accommodated. There is still a lot of work to be done for the future. She is happy we were able to add more funding to construction and the local fire departments.
- Process to a budget proposal:
 - Supervisor reviews departmental requests and makes recommendations to the board.
 - It is the responsibility of the full board to make the decisions and develop a final budget.
- Motion by Bob Washo to support the preliminary Town Budget for 2022 and schedule a public hearing to review the budget for next Thursday, November 4, 2021; 2nd by Jim Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Executive Session

Upon majority vote upon a motion that identifies the subject to be considered, the Council will conduct an executive session to discuss any of the issues identified as proper by Public Officers Law 105 (1) (F), "Matters leading to the appointment of a particular person."

1. Motion to go into executive session at 5:25 pm made by Mary Ann Ashley, 2nd by Bob Washo. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Motion to come out of executive session at 6:07 pm made by Bob Washo, 2nd by Martha Foley Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion to adjourn at 6:08 pm made by Dave Nelson, 2nd by Jim Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeni Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Jeni Reed
Deputy Town Clerk