

TOWN OF CANTON BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

November 14th 2016

5:30 pm

Minutes

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

Also in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Attorney Charles Nash, Toby Irwin, Community Developer Leigh Rodriguez, Jake Newman and Phil LaMarche

5:30 P.M. Supervisor Button opened the Special meeting

1. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

Discussion was held on proposed salaries. Discussion was mainly held on the salary for the Justice Court Clerk. Councilperson Rosemary Philips stated that she is glad that the Justices have had input on the matter of the Court Clerk getting a significant raise. Councilman Bob Washo stated for the record that the matter at hand got off to a poor start from the beginning of the budget process. Councilman Jim Smith stated he does not want to start giving merit pay raises. Smith stated it's a bad way to treat other employees and its going to have blow back. Motion was made by Paul Backus and seconded by Rosemary Philips to give all Town employees a 2.5% raise with the exception of the Justice Court Clerk receiving 7.5%.

In favor:

Paul Backus

Rosemary Philips

Bob Washo

Dave Button

Opposed:

Jim Smith

Motion to pass the 2017 Budget as presented

Discussion was held on the recreation budget. It will include a 2.5 increase for the operation of the recreation department plus split any charges with the Village of Canton associated with Director John Taillon's retirement. Supervisor Button will make a change to the recreation budget to include Taillon's portion

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Bob Washo

Roll call vote

Rosemary Philips	yes
Bob Washo	yes
Paul Backus	yes
Jim Smith	yes

2. APPROVE NYSDOS T1000671 LAND USE WATERFRONT PLANNING GRANT CONTRACT:

Discussion was held on the contact person for the contract. Councilman Washo stated it is just a formality. Washo recommended tabling the approval of the contract until Linda McQuinn's name can be replaced with another body. Motion to table

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

3. ANYOTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Paul Backus made a motion to give the Village of Canton \$20,000.00 out of the Towns community development budget, plus half of the *consortium* for a second person in the office to be hired and paid for by the village. Backus stated in return the Town would be able to ask the Community/Economic Office to do work for the Town on a need be basis or sublet with the goal of being a shared position. This motion seconded by Bob Washo.

Supervisor Button stated that he feels we need to have a meeting with Village for discussion of this matter. Councilman Bob Washo wants to see someone showing in kind services. Councilperson Rosemary Philips stated the committee is ready to go ahead with sharing a developer. Supervisor Button wants to see something in writing with the Village, such as a letter of understanding. Button added he's not opposed just wants to hear back from DOS regarding contact people for Town projects.

Paul Backus and Bob Washo withdrew their motions to be tabled until December meeting with Washo stating that he wants to see Leigh Rodriquez as the contact person by the December meeting.

Council Backus suggested hearing from Community Developer Leigh Rodriquez and Supervisor Button stated he thought it was a policy decision and should be left to the policy makers. Rodriquez spoke and stated that in her opinion that she wants to serve the community and remove boundary lines between the Village and the Town.

6:50 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Rosemary Philips Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Hammond, Canton Town Clerk