

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Public Hearing on the 2020 Preliminary Budget on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

**Present:** Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor  
Tom Anderson Councilman  
Matt Brassard Councilman

**Absent:** Paul Salerno Councilman  
Luci Carpenter Councilwoman

**Others Present:** Bill Trybendis, Sharon O'Connor, Tim Rowland, Steve Stahl, Becky Gilbo and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00pm. He then read the legal notice calling for the Public Hearing.

He stated everyone should have a copy of the handout/budget. Councilman Brassard asked what the Village Dissolution Debt Legacy tax was. The Supervisor stated this is money still in the account for retirees health insurance who retired from the Village of Port Henry.

The Supervisor stated that taxes are down. Only change is \$10,000 from fund balance to Water District #2 to reduce the levy. There is a resolution later on for this. If we did not do this taxes would only go down \$2.00 in that district.

The Supervisor also stated that every employee is in the budget for a 3% raise.

The Campsite Erosion bond is paid off. \$50,000 will still be set aside for campsite improvements, along with \$10,000 additional for each campsite. A Highway truck was paid off also and an additional \$38,000 will be set aside in case a new piece of equipment is needed. Anything purchased now would be paid in 2021.

Sales Tax and Cable increased.

Water and Sewer rates will remain the same.

#### **Floor Open to the Public:**

Steve Stahl asked if he could address the Board regarding his salary. The Supervisor said yes. Mr. Stahl asked if his and Art Brassards salaries could be increased so they would be getting what everybody else is getting when they retire. He wants to be increased to \$65,000 and would like Officer Brassard to make \$55,000. He stated Police only get 50% when they retire. The Supervisor stated that everybody else is in a different plan and everybody else contributed 3% for 10 years, the police have never contributed anything. He also stated that the police can retire in 20 years everybody else has to wait for 30 years and be at least 55 years old.

The Supervisor stated it is ultimately up to the Board. Councilman Anderson asked what percentage that would be to bring Steve Stahl to \$65,000 and Becky Gilbo said 16%.

The Supervisor reiterated that the police don't pay in to the retirement and Mr. Stahl could have retired at 20 years. The Supervisor stated he is in favor of 3% for everyone. Councilman Anderson stated he cannot support a 16% increase. Councilman Brassard is in favor of 3% for everyone also.

The Supervisor asked Mr. Stahl if he has talked to the lady regarding the plan and Mr. Stahl said he has left her 2 messages.

Councilman Anderson asked if we could look at a different plan and the Supervisor said we did and it is \$108,000. The Supervisor stated we changed plans a couple of years ago.

The Supervisor asked Becky Gilbo if there was anything else and she stated just the \$10,000 in Water District #2.

Councilman Brassard asked if we could spend the \$50,000 on kayaks if we wanted to, The Supervisor stated we are waiting on recommendations from the Waterfront Committee on what to spend the money on.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:13pm.

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Town Clerk