

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
Budget Work Session
August 27, 2015

The Town Board 2016 Budget work session was called to order at 6:24pm by Supervisor Fred Heisler. Present in addition to Supervisor Heisler were Board members John Cammarata, Tom Pollard, Karl Ludwig, Bob Whitmore. Also present were Randy Hay, low bid contractor for the Town Barn addition and George Haus, Engineer.

The Town Att’y had some questions concerning the contract for the Town Barn addition which were answered in an additional document the Att’y did not have. Unit heaters, framing for garage doors and auto door openers are included. Inside will be fiberglass insulation with metal covering over, newer contract calls for less lighting. There are floor drains in each truck bay which release into a 1000 gal. tank.

No drawing plans were available to look at. The Engineer will make sure plans are delivered to the Town Office for inspection.

ELECTRIC SERVICE

At the August 17th meeting, the Board authorized the Town by Resolution # 35 to change the Town’s 5 electric accounts from Ambit to Empire Natural Gas, Greene NY. During review of the contract with Empire it was discovered the 2 street lighting accounts would not be included by Empire, only the other 3 accounts; additionally there would be separate billing for those 3 accounts. After discussing other available options, Board members decided to go back to NYSEG for all 5 accounts and to review the process after 1 year.

RESOLUTION # 36 (2015): CONTRACT W/NYSEG FOR FIXED RATE ELECTRIC SERVICE

On a motion by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to contract with NYSEG with a fixed rate 12 month contract for electric service for the Town’s five electric accounts, with review after 1 year service.

VOUCHER:

Mindy Eldred has requested \$200. early for the Harvest Festival for children’s activities. This is an amount usually contracted for and is in the Budget. Additionally, there is a Staples invoice for \$29.99 due before the Sept. Board meeting. The following Resolution was called for and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 37 (2015): PAY MINDY ELDRED \$200. FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL CHILDREN’S ACTIVITES/\$29.99 TO STAPLES CREDIT PLAN BEFORE PAYMENT DEADLINE

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On a motion by Councilman Cammarata, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to pay Mindy Eldred \$200. For Harvest Festival children's activities and \$29.99 to Staples Credit Plan before the payment deadline of Sept. 18th.

LOCAL LAW # 2 2015

Local Law # 2 2015, repealing Local Law #1 of 2014 was introduced to Board members. This Local Law will repeal Local Law # 1 2014 which the Town Board passed last year to allow an override of the 2% NYS tax cap for the Town's 2015 Budget which had to be increased due to a deficit in the 2015 tax roll. Since this is expected to be corrected for the 2016 Budget, another Local Law repealing the original LL is required. The Board called for a Public Hearing on Tues. Sept. 8th, 2015 @ 6:30pm. The following Resolution was called for and adopted.

RESOLUTION # 38 (2015): INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW # 2, 2015 REPEALING LOCAL LAW # 1 2014

On a motion by Supervisor Heisler, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig, the following Resolution was ADOPTED.

AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Whitmore, Heisler

NAYES: 0

Resolved to introduce Local Law # 2 2015 to repeal Local Law # 1 2014 and call for a Public Hearing Sept. 8th @ 6:30pm.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to reviewing the Preliminary Budget for 2016. Since it is anticipated there will be very little additional funds to work with, most accounts will be carefully considered. One question needing additional information is the cost to insure the new Town Barn addition.

The next meeting will be the Sept. 8th Public Hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison B. Owens,

Smithville Town Clerk