

Minutes of the Public Hearing
2016 Preliminary Budget, Genegantslet, Smithville Center Fire Districts
November 4, 2015

OPENING by Supervisor Fred Heisler Jr. 6:30PM
LATE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REMARKS:

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Heisler: ALSO:
Councilman Tom Pollard Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Councilman John Cammarata, arrived 6:45pm Bob Brooks
Councilman Karl Ludwig
Councilman Bob Whitmore

The purpose of meeting was to hold Public Hearings on the 2016 Preliminary Budget and the Genegantslet and Smithville Center Fire District Budgets.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Town Clerk Owens read the notice as it was published in the Chenango American and Fred Heisler called the Public Hearing on the 2016 Preliminary Budget to open.

Councilman Whitmore commented that people had asked him if the Town Supervisor's salary should also be published.

Bob Brooks: Commend the Board for doing a tough job with the Budget, commented that anything to help the Fire Dept will be helpful., and that he does not appreciate what the NYS Governor tells Municipalities can/cannot do.

There were no other comments. Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing Closed @ 6:41pm

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE GENEGANTSLET FIRE CONTRACT

Town Clerk Owens read the legal ad as it appeared in the Chenango American. Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing open @ 6:49PM.

Town Clerk Owens indicated the amount of the contract as published in the Chenango American was incorrect and should have been \$87,985.00 instead of \$88,985.

Councilman Whitmore commented NYS has continued to put extensive training requirements, equipment and other restrictions on Fire Companies, making it difficult to keep up with the requirements. Additionally, personnel are hard to find and keep and often are not available during the day. He suggested perhaps consolidation of surrounding districts is something that could be considered.

There were no other comments. Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing CLOSED @ 6:59pm

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SMITHVILLE CENTER FIRE CONTRACT

Town Clerk Owens read the legal ad as it appeared in the Chenango American. Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing open @7pm.

There were no comments. Supervisor Heisler declared the Public Hearing CLOSED @ 7:01pm

RESOLUTION # 49 (2015): APPROVE THE GENEGANTSLET AND SMITHVILLE CENTER FIRE DISTRICT BUDGETS

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

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AYES: Ludwig, Cammarata, Pollard, Heisler
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: Whitmore

RESOLVED to approve the 2016 Budgets for 2 Fire Contracts: Genegantslet Fire District and the Smithville Center Fire District.

It was suggested to wait until the November 16th Town Board meeting to approve the Preliminary Budget. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:04pm.

Smithville Town Clerk

Alison B. Owens