

**Town of Morristown
2017 Budget Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2016**

Present: Gary Turner, Harvey Bender, Shawn Macaulay, David Stout III, Chris Coffin
Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Frank Putman, Junior Aldrich

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Coffin.

Supervisor Coffin asked Highway Superintendent Dean Hoffman to present budget information for his department. Superintendent Hoffman reported that the Town would probably be seeing a 2% increase in 2017 from the County for plowing and sanding county roads. Regular CHIPS amount should be kept the same as for 2016 (105,534). Contractual salary increases are reflected in the current proposed figures presented for the highway budget. Superintendent Hoffman noted that on the appropriations side under Highway DB5130.2 there is an increase to 42,000, and Highway DB5130.4 there is an increase up to 36,000.

The Board discussed retirement rates. Retirement rates for active employees are known, but the Town has not yet received contribution rates for retirees. The supervisor has been in touch with the Comptroller's office on this issue but rates are not yet available. Retirement rates are dependent on different factors including the stock market. It was noted that the following funds, A, DA, and DB, pay for retirement costs.

The Board briefly discussed the issue of paying back the court ordered retirement health cost difference to two retirees. They also discussed health insurance premiums for active employees but arrived at no conclusions.

The Board increased their salary line item to 16,800 to return it to the 2015 level.

The Board discussed the fire service and ambulance contracts with the Morristown Fire Department. Councilman Stout stated he would like to see the contribution from the Town towards the ambulance in a dedicated fund and not co-mingled. Councilman Stout also asked if the village had a separate revenue item for the ambulance. Carol Woodcock stated that there was a separate line for that revenue in the village budget. The Board asked to have the mayor and the fire chief attend the September 13th budget meeting.

The Board agreed to leave the library at 6,250 and to establish a fund for financial reviews at 2,000 per year.

Supervisor Coffin asked to have the current fund balance as well as the historic fund balances for the last 3-5 years.

The next budget meeting was set for 6 PM on September 13th.

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A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Turner, to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to congoing or proposed legislation.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, David Stout III-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye The Board entered into executive session at 8:08 PM

Executive session ended at 8:40 PM. Supervisor Coffin reported that no action was taken by the Board while in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:40 PM

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk.