

**Budget Meeting
Town of Morristown
October 18, 2017**

Present: Gary Turner, Chris Coffin, David VanArnam, Frank Putman

Absent: Shawn Macaulay

Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Carol Woodcock, Lee Staelens, Tom Bell, III

Business

1. 2018 Town Budget

Councilman Coffin passed out budget materials to the Board to follow along with. The following budget items were discussed.

- Revenue- Fines and Forfeitures set at \$36,000.
- Mortgage Tax- projected at \$24,000.
- Snow and Ice Contract increased to \$63,165.
- In A1420.4 Attorney reduced to \$6,000.
- Sewer Rates will remain the same for both districts.
- Boar personal services remain the same with an adjustment of - \$500 from Councilman VanArnam to be redistributed equally to Library and Youth Programs.
- Assessor equipment \$1,500.00 for new laptop.
- Town Clerk Contractual -set at \$3,600.00.
- Insurance-waiting for the quote from NYMIR.
- Historian contractual- in executive session.
- General A Medical Insurance 9060.8 projected to be \$23, 317.
- DA Health Insurance increase.
- DA and DB personal services was \$176,000 in 2017. Actual unexpended balance was greater than 10% of the budget. Highway Superintendent Hoffman stated that he historically has never used monies from those line items to buy equipment. Councilman Coffin handed out a Fund Balance comparison sheet to the Board. The Board discussed what to do with those unexpanded balances. One suggestion was to increase fund balance, another idea was to create a capital equipment account for some of that money.
- Board discussed taking the Highways equipment inventory and putting in a spreadsheet to create an equipment replacement plan. This could project future replacement costs and allow the Town to get a good idea of how much money needs to be put into the reserve account for replacement costs.
- Councilman Coffin asked the Board what they wanted to do. The Board decided to move ahead with the budget process as usual and work on creating an equipment replacement plan. The Board had a question on how surplus DA and DB monies can be used.
- State Retirement 2018 budget was adjusted to reflect state estimates.
- A1620.4 Buildings-kept the same for 2018.

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- 2. Other Business as Brought before the Board:** Lee Staelens gave a presentation to the Board on alternative health insurance plans. After a review of the current health plan information he advised the Board to stay with the current health insurance plan as it was very competitive for the coverage offered.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilman Coffin, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to enter executive session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of a Town employee.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye The Board enter executive session at 5 PM.

The Board left executive session at 6:10 PM. Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken while in Executive Session.

The Board set the next budget meeting for 7 PM on October 30th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 6:15 PM.

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