

Minutes of September 24, 2018 Germantown Town Board workshop meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 6:32pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury  
Councilman Kukon  
Councilman Sullivan

Absent: Councilman Moore  
Councilwoman DuFresne

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beaury opened the Town Board workshop meeting and Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to open the workshop made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor Beaury said the total preliminary income for 2019 is \$689,144 and that is in the general fund. The expenses for general fund balances out at \$689,144 so the budget is balanced. There is a tax increase of \$13,700 and fund balance of \$48,884 included in this section of the budget. Down \$49,000 in fund balance we could actually run a surplus next year. Supervisor Beaury recommend to the Board increasing revenue and shaving expenses. A bit was cut with the police contractual and there is nothing in the budget for the waterfront or the lake. There is a fund balance of \$49,000. Supervisor Beaury said our real estate tax revenue share is a little on the low side. What Supervisor Beaury would like to do is increase revenue share by raising taxes and get closer to 2% which amounts to \$25,000- \$27,000 a year. Supervisor Beaury went over again, fund balance of \$48,884, tax increase \$13,700 and \$302,000 projected sales tax revenue that is 23% of our total income. We have to split real estate and sales tax between general fund and highway.

Supervisor Beaury said total income in highway is \$616,295 and that is \$18.00 higher than last year because you want your taxes to be higher than last year to preserve your tax cap max. Moved George to general fund. They predicted \$46,350 in sales tax, Supervisor Beaury is projecting \$47,000 this year allocated to highway. There is a fund balance of \$151,290 which we hope to preserve a little of it. Between highway and town there is a \$200,000 fund balance allocated to the 2019 budget.

Supervisor Beaury will look for grants for the town for improvements for next year.

Supervisor Beaury and Councilman Kukon met with Rich and George's truck will need to be replaced. The plans are to give Rich's pick up to sewer and maintenance and \$9,000 a year for 5 years for a new pick up for highway and sewer. Paid off back hoe this year. Eligible for higher tax cap if expenses are higher. Total expenses for highway are \$616,295. Keep the extra \$45,000 in there to keep our eligibility for the tax cap. Councilman Kukon and Councilman Sullivan agree to this.

Total on sewer is \$87,830 to pay off the bond. For many years sewer charges exceeded expenses and were contributed to fund balance until last year all the repairs needed. In order to make the budget balance Supervisor Beaury had to take \$28,000 from fund balance to make the budget balance.

Lighting budget is balanced.

We will hold a public hearing for the budget and a preliminary hearing no later than Thursday after Election Day.

Motion to adjourn workshop meeting made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Workshop meeting closed at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,