

Minutes of September 13, 2022, Germantown Town Board budget workshop, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom, commencing at 6:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Helsley
Councilman Sullivan
Councilmember Suarez
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith
Highway Superintendent, Anthony Cidras

Absent: Councilman Kukon

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Helsley opened the budget workshop with a motion from Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor Helsley started by saying there were no changes to the lighting budget. Councilmember Suarez noted the decrease in lighting in 2018 to present after switching to LED.

Discussion on the Sewer District 8130.4. Town Board was questioning the big jump in the 8130.4 line. Anthony Cidras suggested finding out how much Baldwin's was paid as a start. Supervisor Helsley will follow up on the sewer budget.

Highway budget. Councilman Sullivan mentioned to Supervisor Helsley adjusting the highway budget to having all of the salaries in one line. Town Board agreed. Anthony said the CHIPS total was \$124,000 and only \$56,000 was budgeted.

The brush & weed line of \$3,150 needs to go somewhere else. Nothing was budgeted for uniforms.

Anthony said the roads to be blacktopped this year are Block Factory, East Camp and Cheviot Extension.

Highway budgeted for a new piece of equipment, the Alamo which goes on the back of the John Deere.

Town Clerk asked for a raise.

General Fund. Supervisor Helsley said Camp charges were over and they will have to move money around. Councilman Sullivan said Camp and Assistant to Supervisor were underbudgeted. Supervisor Helsley said fines were over budgeted due to not having enhanced Sheriff's patrol. Money will need to be moved into Camp fund and Assistant to Supervisor.

Line 1620.1 Buildings & Grounds and 1620.12 overtime will move over to Highway.

Anthony added into his Dog Control budget for a Deputy to learn the job.

Brandon wants to increase his budget this would cover the cost of his mileage. Councilmember Suarez feels this is a role we should invest in.

Supervisor Helsley said the Planner is projected at \$50,000 and \$15,000 will be paid this year and \$35,000 paid next year.

Councilmember Suarez asked what the gifts and donations that were not projected? Supervisor Helsley said a big donation came in for the Waterfront, which went into the Waterfront account.

Motion to close the workshop at 7:01pm made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Vale