

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2016

KIND OF MEETING: BUDGET

WHERE HELD: SCHODACK TOWN HALL

CLERK:

PRESIDING OFFICER: DENNIS DOWDS

MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES E. BULT
SCOTT SWARTZ
TRACEY REX

MEMBERS ABSENT: MICHAEL KENNEY

ATTORNEY:

COMPTROLLER:

OTHERS:

S. Dowds called the October 26, 2016 Budget Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and dispensed with roll call. All present as noted above.

Budget Review

The Supervisor directed the Board's attention to the information that was provided by the Comptroller's Office incorporating all the changes made to the Tentative Budget. The 2017 Preliminary Budget now has the combined tax rate increase of .41%. C. Bult asked how the ambulance fund had \$20,000.00 that was not expended last year, since fire and ambulance district budgets are essentially pass-throughs. S. Dowds said he would have to direct that question to the Comptroller when he returns from vacation. Board members agreed that they were pleased with the final rate increase of .41%. S. Dowds expressed concern with diverting from the capital equipment replacement schedules too often. He didn't want to end up with substantial purchases in one year. He is going to ask the Comptroller to meet with the Highway Superintendent and Police Chief to review and possibly revise the equipment replacement schedules based on current maintenance practices, etc. The Supervisor noted that they have been aware that the cooling tower for the Town Hall will have to be replaced at some point in the future, which was estimated at \$125,000 - \$150,000.00 and that did not include the replacement of the roof, which will be also needed. He was just noting this so board members understand that eventually some of these large ticket items need to be addressed. C. Rex, who was new to the budget process, felt it would be beneficial to have department heads come to the budget meetings to discuss their budgets. Councilmen Bult and Swartz agreed. They felt that the heads of the major departments should come to the budget meetings 9 (i.e. – Police, Highway, etc.). The Supervisor asked if it might be better to have them come to the Board meetings in August and September, since they submit their requests in July. C. Bult felt that was too premature. He felt the Board needed to have the budget first and then meet with them as they did in the past. The Supervisor briefly explained the budget process for C. Rex.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Swartz made a motion to adjourn the 10/26/2016 Town Board meeting at 6:35 p.m., seconded by C. Bult, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. Conlin
Schodack Town Clerk/RMC/CMC
(Transcribed from Recording)