

**TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2017  
7:00PM  
DEPOT STREET MEETING ROOM**

Call to Order by Supervisor Blouvet.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll Call: Supervisor Blouvet- present  
Councilperson-Russell Hall-present  
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Councilperson-Donette Shelley-present  
Councilperson-Carolyn Carney-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

Assemblage: Mike Bidwell, Oakley Sortore, Tim Hall, Erica Kraemer, Jill Hoopes.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR STATE GRANT APPLICATION FOR COURT**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York authorizes the Friendship Town Court to apply for the Justice Court Assistance program Grant requesting up to the maximum amount available, offered by Russell Hall, seconded Carolyn Carney.

**Roll Call Vote:** James Blouvet-aye  
Linda Mascho-aye  
Donette Shelley-aye  
Russell Hall-aye  
Carolyn Carney-aye

**BUDGET** discussions with the Board Members and the Dept. Heads; Mike Bidwell Supt. of the Hwy Dept., Oakley Sortore ahead of Public Works, Tim Hall ahead of the Ambulance Squad, Erica Kraemer ahead of the Police Dept.

Supervisor Blouvet advised all Departments need to make cuts and not spend unless necessary. Departments need to look at their budgets to see where they can decrease their budgets to help reduce tax increases.

He advised that for years taxes should have been increased but instead prior Boards used the Fund Balances so not to increase the Budgets, to avoid any tax increase. He explained also that the Town is losing money because less Leachate is being taken in by the Town.

Mike Bidwell stated he was just starting to get caught up on Roads and he has already had his Budget cut. Supervisor Blouvet stated that the Town does not want to scrimp on the road infrastructure.

Oakley Sortore stated that water pumping had been cut 25%.

Tim Hall stated he didn't think he can cut his budget to \$47,000; he doesn't make purchases until end of the year in case there is something during the year that is necessary. His purchases are spent on ALS, fuel and supplies.

Erica Kramer advised that she would be losing an officer and doesn't plan on replacing him.

Supervisor Blouvet advised that the Town and the Departments have to scrimp and save this next year and all Departments are to go through their Budget to see where they can cut; gotta cut or reduce service somehow.

Supervisor Blouvet suggested turning off Street Lights, every other one. Shutting lights off when not needed or turning down the heat, to reduce the heating bills.

The "Green Thumber" will be looked into, it doesn't cost the Town anything and they could utilize that person to do some work around the Town.

Supervisor Blouvet advised that the Fire Hall Lease was up on December 31, 2017 and he will be making some changes, one being so that both Police cars will be able to park in the last two bays.

Motion to adjourn offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Linda Mascho. all approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr  
Town Clerk