

**TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP
EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2018
1:30PM
DEPOT STREET MEETING ROOM**

Supervisor Blouvet calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor- James Blouvet-present
Councilperson- Russell Hall-present
Councilperson-Linda Mascho-present
Councilperson-Carolyn Carney-present
Councilperson- Jill Hoopes-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Assemblage: Oakley Sortore
Justin Bennett & Christina Salamone from Baldwin's Accounting Firm

Purpose of this meeting was to review and understand the Budget with the Town of Friendship's Accounting Firm-Baldwin's and the Town Board Members and Oakley Sortore.

There was discussion regarding the Water/Sewer Budget and the Loan taken out for replacing the Water meters and finding and fixing water leakage. The New meters had begun being replaced last fall. This quarter most of the meters are in so the Town will not really see the impact of true usage until the June readings. Supervisor Blouvet advised that water rates as well as sewer rates may have to be increased to meet the Water/Sewer Budget. Will have to check into how soon they can be raised.

It was suggested to check with other Towns to see what their water/sewer rates are. Oakley Sortore advised he would try to get in touch with the Engineer, Jimmie Joe on increasing the rates.

Motion offered by James Blouvet to set up a Water/Sewer Sub Committee, seconded by Carolyn Carney. Committee members would be Russell Hall, Jill Hoopes, James Blouvet and Oakley Sortore. All approve.

Motion to adjourn offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Russell Hall. All approve.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

