

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2020

BUDGET HEARING 6:30

REGULAR MEETING 7:00

BUDGET HEARING

Supervisor Hall calls Budget Hearing to order.

Pledge of allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor: Russell Hall-present
Councilperson: Jill Hoopes-present
Councilperson: Carolyn Carney- present
Councilperson: Linda Mascho-present
Councilperson: Steve Ritter-present

Assemblage for Budget hearing: Mark Voorheis, Mike Stump, Rich Wenslow, Jim Monheim, Dell Baker, Michelle Hill, BJ Howe.

The Supervisor opens up the Town of Friendship's Budget Hearing and asks the assemblage for any questions or concerns regarding the 2021 proposed Budget.

There were no questions from the assemblage. Supervisor Hall advises the Budget was kept under the tax cap and enough was kept to help build the fund balance.

After questions, any discussion regarding the Budget, the following motion was set forth:
Motion to approve the 2021 Preliminary Budget as the final 2021 Budget, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call vote: Russell Hall-aye
Jill Hoopes-aye
Carolyn Carney-aye
Linda Mascho-aye
Steve Ritter-aye

Supervisor Hall calls this Budget Hearing to a close.

7pm REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Hall opens up regular meeting.

Pledge of allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-present
Councilperson-Jill Hoopes-present
Councilperson-Carolyn Carney-present
Councilperson-Linda Mascho-present
Councilperson-Steve Ritter-present

Also present-Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Tiffany Bencoter-Bookkeeper
Assemblage-Mark Voorheis, Mike Stump, Rich Wenslow, Jim Monheim, Dell Baker, Michelle Baker, Oakley Sortore, BJ Howe.

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2020, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for September 2020, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

Motion to approve the audited bills from September 2020, in the amount of \$144,518.70, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye
Carolyn Carney-aye
Linda Mascho-aye
Steve Ritter-aye
Russell Hall-aye

SUPERVISOR CONCERNS-none.

PUBLIC CONCERNS-

Dell Baker, Union Steward spoke about the Town contracting out the mowing for the Town. He advised that the Town is contracting Union mowing work. He questioned if the Town would bid this out. If this contractor will have Insurance, worker's comp., an Insurance Binder, and who will make sure his insurance is sufficient, who will make sure the job is getting done. Supervisor Hall advised this is not a sure thing yet. He is not sure contracting is a positive way to go. Question is, is the Town taking a task away or work. He thinks it is taking a task away, but he is getting the same hours. Supervisor Hall questions whether the Town wants to fight a battle. He advises the clerk to make sure next meeting the this is on the Agenda regarding the mowing and taking bids on it.

BBS Accounting Bookkeeping Services contract is tabled till November's Meeting. Committee to work on getting information: Russell Hall, Jill Hoopes.

Question by Councilperson Steve Ritter to Mark Voorheis about the Wellman House being on the national Landmark. Mark advised one a National Landmark it does not come off. Councilperson Ritter requested that Mark ask the Historical society if sometime down the road they would be interested in taking over the Wellman House. Mark advised they had an upcoming meeting and would ask.

Motion to approve Lodging for the wastewater training totaling \$1050.00, plus mileage and food, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye
Carolyn Carney-aye
Linda Mascho-aye
Steve Ritter-aye
Russell Hall-aye

Motion to approve Jim Zacher's wife (Leigh) for Health Insurance for the months of Jan- March 2021. Jim Zacher will pay the monthly premium of \$503.00. Offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the line transfer from DA5110(roads) in the amount of \$86,414.30 to DA5112.2(CHIPS)\$86,414.30, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye
Carolyn Carney-aye
Linda Mascho-aye
Steve Ritter-aye
Russell Hall-aye

Discussion and motion regarding the purchase of flags, poles, and snowflakes. Flags are \$19.00 ea., 25 needed for total of \$475.00, poles are \$23.00 ea., 25 needed for a total of \$575.00(totaling \$1050.00)

Snowflakes are a min. of \$325.00.

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After board discussion the following motion was set forth: Motion to explore funding options, if found to move ahead, act on it if appropriate finding. Suggested letter to the Friendship Dairies(Saputo) to see if they would like to contribute. Jill Hoopes is looking into see if the Cheese fest can help, motion offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

AMBULANCE SQUAD

Updated applications on ambulance squad member\ applications. Motion to approve held off till Novembers Board Meeting.

REPORTS RECEIVED

Town Clerk Report for Sept. 2020

Code Enforcement report

Shared services report

Fuel Farm report

Justice report

Dog Control

REMINDER BY SUPERVISOR HALL- DISTRICT II LEGISLATORS MEETING AT 6PM PRIOR TO NOVEMBER'S MEETING. PUBLIC INVITED.

Motion to adjourn offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Adjourned 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr

Town Clerk