

October 27, 2016

A 2017 budget work session meeting was held at the Mina-Findley Lake Community Center on October 27, 2016. Supervisor Brumagin called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Present: Rebecca Brumagin.....Supervisor
Bill Himelein.....Councilman
Dennis Luce.....Councilman (7:25)
Dick Watrous.....Councilman

Absent: Dave Wilcox.....Councilman

Attended by: Alvin Kopta, Paul Scarem (Highway Superintendent), Wendy Shephard (Senior Account Manager, Northwest Insurance Services), Craig Tenbuckel, Phyllis Tenbuckel, Bob Weilacher, Michelle Weilacher

The town clerk read the legal notice.

Supervisor Brumagin asked Wendy Shephard to review various health insurance options for the board's consideration. After she reviewed the various options, Wendy opened it up for a question and answer period. As members of the highway crew were in attendance, Supervisor Brumagin asked them if there was an option they would like the board to consider. The consensus of the employees was to select Univera Access Standard Platinum as the current policy is being discontinued which was Univera valUcare Plus Platinum 2.

Supervisor Brumagin gave an overview of the 2017 tentative budget. The budget was reviewed in detail and discussion was held on the individual line items.

Councilman Luce moved seconded by Councilman Himelein to adopt the tentative 2017 budget as the preliminary 2017 budget with changing the Supervisor's salary from \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00 and Non Property Tax Distribution from \$105,000.00 to \$107,000.00 . Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes (4) Brumagin, Himelein, Luce, Watrous

Nays (0)

Other Business:

- Supervisor Brumagin requested that the Town Clerk read the Highway Superintendent's retirement/resignation letter with the date the state retirement system assigned as his retirement date, October 29, 2016. Supervisor Brumagin and the Town Board thanked Superintendent Scarem for his 30 years of dedicated service.
- Supervisor Brumagin discussed the search process for the Highway Superintendent and the interim coverage. It was agreed that she would ask Craig Tenbuckel, machine equipment operator, to fill the position on an interim basis until a replacement is appointed by the town board. The board agreed to pay him an additional \$100.00 a week.
- The Highway Committee reported that the dump truck the town was going to purchase from the Town of Cambria would not be available until the first of the year due to their lease company changing hands.
- Supervisor Brumagin reported that an amendment to the contract with Harry Sicherman & Associates for consulting on the dam breakwall project is requested but she needs to speak with Ed Mulkearn President of the Findley Lake Watershed Foundation as the town will be reimbursed for this additional expense by the Watershed Foundation.
- Sewer – Supervisor Brumagin reported Attorney Robinson is working on the sewer district formation process.

Correspondence:

- NYSLRS – Letter from the New York State and Local Retirement System regarding Superintendent Scarem’s retirement effective date.
- Chautauqua County – Information on Community Choice Aggregation Informational Meeting.
- Chautauqua County Dept. of Health – Lab results on water sample for the Community Center which was acceptable.
- Chautauqua County Board of Elections – Letter informing that the Board of Elections will be utilizing the Community Center for this year’s general election.
- Town of Cambria – Letter informing the town that the 2009 Peterbilt truck they negotiated to sell is being delayed due to leasing issues on their end.
- NYMIR – “Drive to Survive” safety seminar
- HalfMoon Education Inc. – Learning objectives
- Charter Communications – Updates on ongoing efforts affecting Time Warner Cable customers.

Supervisor Brumagin reminded the councilmen that the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget will be held November 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and the next regular Town Board Meeting will be held November 10, 2016.

Councilman Himelein moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie R. Tanner, Town Clerk