

TOWN OF POMPEY BOARD MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pompey was held on September 24, 2013. In attendance: Supervisor Carole Marsh; Councilors Carl Dennis, Greg Herlihy, Vic LaFrenz, Craig Smithgall; Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell; Budget Officer Tom Chartrand; Code Enforcement Officer Rick Penhall and Town Clerk Ann Christmas.

Supervisor Marsh called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. There was a moment of silence for our service men and women and for all of the needless killings that have been happening.

Supervisor Marsh explained that she called a special meeting because she feels so strongly that a 9¢/thousand tax increase is too much. She was extremely upset when she left the last board meeting and it has been on her mind ever since.

Budget Officer Chartrand stated that he had spoken to NYS Office of Parks & Historic Preservation and the remaining balance due us on the schoolhouse grant. She feels that we should receive the balance in late December or in January. Therefore, he feels comfortable that we could add that amount in as a revenue item. The amount we will receive is \$10,555.00. After that we need to lose \$45,000.00 in expenses to bring the rate down to zero.

There was a discussion on the equipment line in the highway budget. Highway Superintendent Purcell explained the last time a large truck was purchased was in 2004. He is replacing a 1991 truck. He estimated that he would receive \$10,000.00 at the auction for this truck. This is the truck that we have been saving for the past three years and the final payment (\$68,000.00 on the DA5130.2 line) is included in the 2014 budget.

The Town Board agreed to lower the amount budgeted for the 2015 plow truck to \$70,000.00 from \$100,000.00. They stated that they are committed to putting that money back into the budget for 2015.

Then he needs to budget for a Gradall. He would like to maintain the plan that has been in place to replace this every ten years.

It was agreed that no one would go to the Association of Towns Conference in New York City this year. If anyone goes they will need to pay their own way.

Accordingly, the following adjustments were made: \$7,200.00 was taken out of workshops; the mortgage tax revenue was increased \$180,000.00; the school house aid was added in -- \$10,555; and the amount budgeted for the 2015 plow truck was \$70,000.00.

After these adjustments the tax rate will remain at \$2.05/thousand and the general and highway budget would be under the tax cap.

R-185-13 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to rescind R-182-13 and make the above changes. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-186-13 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to move this budget from tentative to the preliminary with the changes made on September 18, 2013 and September 24, 2013. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Marsh brought up that it has come to her attention that it has been left out of the employee handbook about insurance for part-time elected officials. Budget Officer Chartrand stated that there would have to be very strict verbiage on this. There was a discussion on this. Councilors Dennis and LaFrenz stated that they are against this. Supervisor Marsh and Councilor Herlihy stated that they wouldn't be interested in it. Budget Officer Chartrand stated that most of the towns our size that he works for doesn't offer it. Councilor Smithgall stated that we need something to attract qualified individuals. Budget Officer Chartrand stated that if it was decided to do this we would need to add \$5,000.00 into the budget per individual taking part in this change. It was decided to ask Attorney Brown about this.

R-187-13 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to adjourn at 4 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Christmas
Pompey Town Clerk