

2019 Budget Public Hearing
November 8th, 2018 6:00pm

The 2019 Budget Public Hearing was held on November 8th at 6:00 PM at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building, 1227 US Highway 11 Gouverneur New York 13642

Attending:

Supervisor David Spilman Jr
Deputy Supervisor Eldon Conklin
Councilperson Robert Ritchie
Councilperson Jaimee McQuade
Councilperson Curran Wade

Bookkeeper Diane Kelley
Town Clerk Marion Bowhall
Jay Bowhall

Supervisor Spilman called the public hearing to order at 6:00pm – Legal advertisement was read aloud and is attached.

Motion to open Sewer District public hearing: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Robert Ritchie
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Budget is pretty much the same except a decrease in intergovernmental charges of \$500.00 – we haven't touched these funds in 2 years.

Without any public participants –

Motion to close Sewer district: Robert Ritchie 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade
Ayes:5 Nays:0 Sewer portion closed.

Motion to open Fire District portion of public hearing: Robert Ritchie 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Fire District open.

Discussion of the county charge workers compensation for the fire departments to the town tax payers- Councilman Conklin would like to request a discussion with a county employee for an explanation of the compensation charges, are all the contracted towns responsible for the workers compensation- our department contracts with Gouverneur, Fowler, Macomb, and Rossie.

All council persons are in agreement with Conklin.

Robert Ritchie discusses the increased amount to the \$59,000 they had asked for 2 years ago. Says we should expect a request for increase next budget- 2020.

Motion to Close fire district: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 District closed.

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Motion to open Rescue District- Robert Ritchie 2nd motion: Eldon Conklin

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 District opened.

Not much discussion, no changes. Rescue Squad hasn't made a request for increase in several years.

Motion to close Rescue district: Robert Ritchie 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 District Closed.

Motion to open Water District: Jaimee McQuade 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 District Opened.

Discussion of rates and charges, and the new grant when that gets done what we will need to charge each user.

Diane Kelley states that the water will be in the red this year.

Motion to close water district: Robert Ritchie 2nd motion: Jaimee McQuade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 District closed.

Motion to open general town budget public hearing: Eldon Conklin 2nd motion: Curran Wade

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Discussion opened.

Supervisor Spilman reads the salary schedule as stated on the 2nd page of the budget.

Across the board for a 2.5% increase.

There is much discussion of salaries, increases in budget lines and employee raises.

There is discussion over the Village Recreation center and their programs and suggestions that there could be donations or contributions from Fowler Town as well. Spilman to discuss with Casey Canell and Village Mayor.

Robert Ritchie suggests that next years budget workshop include discussions over employee insurance contributions. Also states that when the Budget Committee meets, they are very conservative when it comes to accounting for sales tax. Would rather work with less and receive more than depend on more and receive less.

Motion to adjourn town budget public hearing to be reconvened at the Regular Town Board meeting – November 13th, 2018 at 6:00pm. – David Spilman 2nd motion: Robert Ritchie

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be the Regular Town Board Meeting, November 13, 2018 – 6:00 pm at the Town of Gouverneur Office Building, 1227 US Highway 11- Gouverneur NY 13642