

Minutes of the Town of Westport Special Board Meeting on October 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 1:00 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Morrison
Councilperson Viens
Supervisor Tyler
Excused: Councilperson Paquette

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent

TENTATIVE BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Tentative Budget is currently \$59,267 over the tax cap.

The highway budget was discussed in detail. Provisional cuts were made to several line items, including fuel expenses, machinery equipment, and machinery contract expenses. The newly appropriated amounts will be compared to the 2016 year-end report to ensure that enough has been budgeted in each category.

Dennie would like to bring back the part time laborer position for next year. He would also like the town to reimburse on-call employees for half of their monthly cell phone bills. Supervisor Tyler said that some towns buy separate cell phones for these employees and others pay a percentage of the bill. He will look into the legal workings of such reimbursements.

Dennie mentioned starting a line item for crushing gravel, which is only purchased every 5-7 years. Supervisor Tyler will discuss this with George Hainer.

The water/sewer truck needs to be replaced. It would cost around \$15,000 after trade-in, but Dennie isn't sure where it would be taken out of the budget.

Abele Tractor will be bringing an excavator for a few days trial later this month. Essex is interested in purchasing our current machine.

RESOLUTION #174 SPECIAL MEETING

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hold the next budget meeting on Monday, October 17th at 2 p.m.

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INSURANCE MEETING – Supervisor Tyler will meet with Tish Biesemeyer on October 12th to discuss health insurance. Other than the planned increase in cost, there shouldn't be any major changes to the plans.

RESOLUTION #175
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Supervisor Tyler, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk