

**October 4th, 2010  
Budget Workshop/Special Meeting  
Petersburgh Town Board**

Present: Supervisor Peter Schaaphok  
Board Member Amy Manchester  
Board Member Richard Snyder  
Highway Superintendent Raymond Harrison  
Town Clerk Callie Crisp  
Absent: Board Member William Seel  
Board Member Raymond Harrison

Guests: Daniel McCumber, Carlton Coon, Emily Harrison  
Press: Alex Brooks, The Eastwick Press

The Petersburgh Town Board met and held a Budget Workshop/ Special Meeting on Monday, October 4th, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Petersburgh Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburgh, New York. Notice of the time and date was duly posted in the Town Hall and the Post Office.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Supervisor Schaaphok called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Furnace Replacement: Carlton Coon was present to discuss the replacement of the steam boiler in the Town Hall. He reported that the crack in the furnace was due to oxygen corrosion, which was beginning to dissolve the cast iron. Although the damaged section could be replaced, the whole system would then be at risk for the problem to reoccur. Mr. Coon presented the Board with a detailed estimate of \$8,275.00 for the repairs. A ten-year warrantee would be included on the steam furnace, and Mr. Coon stated that the furnace could be ordered and installed by next week.

Supervisor Schaaphok informed the Board that he had also obtained a quote from Tim Nichols in Bennington, VT. The quotes will be compared and a decision will be made later in Executive Session.

Dog Control: Dog Control Officer Lynne Torello-Burns was not in attendance, but provided the monthly Dog Control Report for September to the Board.

Cemeteries: Supervisor Peter Schaaphok addressed the Board in regard to the current state of the cemeteries in the Town. Although 6 are mowed regularly, others have fallen into poor condition. Hewitt's Cemetery on Leah's Road is one of these targeted for repair. Supervisor Schaaphok suggested an inventory of the current state of all cemeteries, and possibly establishing an annual and summer mowing schedule.

Highway Truck Purchase: Highway Superintendent Raymond Harrison presented an estimate to the Board to replace the Town's pickup truck. The estimate, obtained from Van Bortel Ford Inc., gave a price of \$21,168.00. It would take 120 days to be delivered from the time of order. Regarding the purchase of the new dump truck,

(Cost: Appx. \$150,000.00), a discussion took place about bonding the truck over an eight-year period, therefore making the payments more reasonable. Superintendent Harrison then reported more problems with the Gradall. Although the vehicle is running, the transmission is failing and the machine cannot be used. Superintendent Harrison asked for approval to have the problem assessed and repaired, and the Board gave their consent.

2011 Budget: The Preliminary 2011 Town Budget was presented to the Board. This budget includes the amounts requested by all departments, and 'as is' would increase taxes by \$16,000.00. Since the 2010 budget remained conservative and no raises were given, several departments have requested an increase.

The following is a summary of the changes:

General:

- 1010.1: The Town Board has asked for an increase, but is not yet included
- 1220.4: Supervisor's personal services was decreased to \$1.00, and the contractual expense was raised
- 1355.4: The Assessor fund will need to increase the contractual expenses, due to the upcoming Re-Evaluation
- 3510.4: Dog Control will also need an increase, due to the loss of the State program
- 1410.4: Town Clerk Contractual Expense increased by \$460 for software program
- 1620.4: Buildings Fund will need a substantial increase, as this year there is the need for an inter-fund transfer
- 5132.4: Garage has been increased by \$3,000 to more accurately reflect actual historic costs
- 6772.4: Programs for the Aging has been increased to their previous amount
- 8010.4: Planning Board has requested \$7,500.00 for a revision process
- 8810.4: Cemeteries was raised in order to provide more maintenance
- 4052.4: The Rescue Squad has requested an increase

Highway:

- The Town has not yet received any reimbursement from the County for this year. Also, the Personal Services fund is down due to a loss of one crewmember.
- 5130.4: Machinery has been increased
- 5120.4: Bridges was increased due to two projects

Fire District and Light District: No Changes

Water District:

- The decrease in bond payment was added to Transmission and Distribution
- The amount of estimated revenue shown on the Preliminary Budget is incorrect

The Budget will be next discussed at the Regular Town Board Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

### **Resolution #73**

#### **Move Into Executive Session**

On motion of Councilwoman Manchester, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the Board move into Executive Session at 8:48 PM in order to discuss the

furnace replacement. Councilman Snyder seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Peter Schaaphok	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilwoman Amy Manchester	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Absent
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

**Resolution #74**  
**Return From Executive Session**

On motion of Councilman Snyder, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the Board return from Executive Session at 8:58 PM. Councilwoman Manchester seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Peter Schaaphok	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilwoman Amy Manchester	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Absent
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

**Resolution # 75**  
**Acceptance of Bid on Furnace Replacement**

On motion of Councilwoman Manchester, the following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that the bid on the furnace replacement from Carlton Coon be accepted as presented. Councilman Snyder seconded such motion, and roll call showed the following results:

Supervisor Peter Schaaphok	Aye
Councilman Richard Snyder	Aye
Councilwoman Amy Manchester	Aye
Councilman William Seel	Absent
Councilman Raymond Broadwell	Absent

Supervisor Schaaphok declared the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

With no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Manchester, seconded by Councilman Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Callie Crisp, Town Clerk