

October 12th, 2011
Budget Workshop
Petersburgh Town Board

The Petersburgh Town Board let and held a meeting on October 12th, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Petersburgh Town Hall, 65 Main Street, Petersburgh, New York, for the purpose of a Budget Workshop.

Present: Supervisor Peter Schaaphok
Councilman William Seel
Councilman Richard Snyder
Highway Superintendent Raymond Harrison
Town Clerk Callie Crisp
Absent: Councilwoman Amy Manchester
Councilman David Green

Guests: Emily Harrison, Sharon Hodges, Duane Goodermote Jr., Ronald Stritsman
Press: Alex Brooks, The Eastwick Press

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

REPORTS

- Highway Superintendent Raymond Harrison: informed the Board that a window had been broken in the new dump truck. The damage is believed to be caused by a BB gun, as a BB was found inside the truck. A police report has been filed for the incident. Mr. Harrison also reported that the final estimate of expenditures for FEMA was almost complete, and that the sander and plow from the 1991 International had been sold for \$1,800.00.

2012 BUDGET DISCUSSION

- The Board begun the review of the preliminary 2012 budget, which remains much the same as 2011. Changes discussed included the following:
 - Salaries: should no longer be coming out of Contractual Expense Accounts (.4), but Salary Accounts (.1). Payments by voucher should be made only to Independent Contractors.
 - 3620.1-Safely Inspection, Salary: Due to underpayment, the Building Inspector's salary was increased from \$6,405.00 to \$9,600.00, increasing the monthly amount by \$533.75.
 - 7310-Youth Commission: the Board decided to leave the current budget amount of \$8,000.00, with the understanding that the payment system would be reconstructed with a salary account for payroll.
 - 5132.4-Highway Garage: was increased \$2,000.00. A 3% cost-of-living increase was requested for the Highway Superintendent and Crew. The Highway budget, 5110, is currently over budget by over \$30,000.00;

the Board requested further information so that this topic could be discussed at the next meeting.

- 8020-Planning Board: was left at \$8,000.00 to allow for the continuation of legal and engineering services.
- 8810-Cemeteries: would be increased by reallocating the funds from the Historian budget. Additionally, a decision was made to separate the cemetery fund line so that the annual payment to Meadowlawn could be distinguished.
- Light District: was increased to avoid under budgeting.

The Board discussed several other discrepancies, and requested that the actual unexpended balance for 2011 and current values compared to last year be determined. These figures would be discussed during the upcoming regular meeting.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Callie Crisp, Town Clerk