

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on November 6, 2014 at the Town of Moreau Municipal Center, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York for the purpose of adopting the 2015 Town Budget.

Supervisor Jenkins opened the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll.

Town Board Members Present

Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Robert J. Vittengl, Jr.	Councilman
Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Preston L. Jenkins, Jr.	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

None

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget and comments heard from the public at the public hearing.

Paul Joseph stated that at the October 27th budget workshop the Town Board lowered his account DB5110.493 from \$20,000 to \$10,000. He stated the decision was based on what he had used to that date. He stated that he was still doing drainage right now. If this amount is lowered to the \$10,000, he'll be short in that account by about \$4,000. Supervisor Jenkins asked if everyone was comfortable changing this line item DB5110.493 back to \$20,000 and there were no objections.

Supervisor Jenkins spoke regarding the creation of a full-time clerk position. He feels there is a need for a full-time clerk. Maureen's been there for 17 years. She's doing more work now than she used to do. When she's not in the office and the phones ring, they don't always get answered if the mechanic can't get to the phone. Councilwoman LeClair stated that there was going to be someone retiring in the Highway Department and the clerk will be taking on some of their duties as well. Councilman Kusnierz asked how much of an increase will it be to the Town going from a part-time clerk to a full-time clerk. Supervisor Jenkins stated that he would get the information.

Supervisor Jenkins spoke with regard to the part-time code enforcement officer position. He stated that it has been budgeted for 19 hours per week at \$15.00 per hour. The Building Department also has in their budget \$20,000 for a new vehicle. Councilman Kusnierz stated that from his perspective there has to be a very good reason. Questions have been raised by the public as to the number of permits that have been issued, how many inspections have been done. An increase in work load isn't a good enough reason. Unless someone has the numbers, he's not convinced that the position is needed. Councilwoman LeClair spoke regarding the possibility of the part-time code enforcement do Fire Marshall duties. Councilman Kusnierz asked if it was mandated that the Building Inspector do fire inspections. Supervisor Jenkins stated that if power has to be shut off and National Grid has to be contacted, there is an element involved, that he would have to be at a fire call.

Supervisor Jenkins talked about the issue with the dry hydrants. Councilman Kusnierz asked how many hydrants can be done for \$10,000. Paul Joseph will contact the Fire Co. and this will be discussed at a later date.

Councilman Kusnierz suggested adopting an action that says any water district that has fund balance that exceeds 100% of what was appropriated for to give a 5% decrease in rates. Supervisor Jenkins stated that he doesn't disagree but he's not prepared to make that action right now. If they aren't going to consolidate, once they get their reports from the engineers, they can establish capital reserves. Councilman Prendergast agreed with Councilman Kusnierz but thought the decrease should be 8% instead of 5%. Councilwoman LeClair wants to talk with Tim Burley before she makes a decision. Supervisor Jenkins stated that we're not going to vote on the budget tonight. He too wants to speak with Tim Burley before any decisions are made.

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Councilman Kusnierz implored the Board to take a hard look at the increases to the budget. We should look at water rates and lighting districts. He also stated that he has a major issue with an interfund transfer and the sales tax money that is for Town Outside. The Village residents get their own sales tax. If the Board is going to leave that number in there, he would like to see \$50,000 in fund balance utilized to offset the tax rate there.

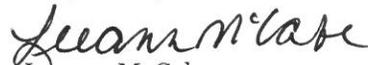
Councilwoman LeClair wanted to make it known that she is still unhappy with the Emergency Squad. She stated that they had waited six to nine months to get information that was asked for and when we did get it, line items were still whited out or blacked out. This information should have been available as it has to be available to the State. She would suggest no raise with \$6,000 earmarked to discuss an audit of their records by the person who does it for Queensbury or someone else who is qualified. Payments to the Emergency Squad should be contingent upon complete information asked for. She stated that we didn't get the response we were looking for and she's still frustrated with that. Supervisor Jenkins thinks that they're close. He stated that the things that were whited out, were things charged to Northumberland. Councilwoman LeClair stated that the Emergency Squad led her to believe that Northumberland didn't care what they spent money on. She spoke with the Supervisor in Northumberland and he told her that was not true. Supervisor Jenkins stated that we need to get a letter to them stating what they have received and what the deficiencies are and what the Town needs.

Councilwoman LeClair feels that the Town has just been led along. She wants to do what Queensbury does. This is the contract, this is what it says. Supervisor Jenkins doesn't want to shut them down, he just wants them to comply. We need to write what our results are and send it to the Board.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

There was no roll call taken.

Respectfully submitted,



Leeann McCabe
Deputy Town Clerk