

**TOWN OF WESTERLO  
TOWN BOARD  
BUDGET REVIEW  
WORKSHOP  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014**

The Town of Westerlo Town Board met on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall to review the 2015 Tentative Budget as prepared and resubmitted by Pattison, Koskey, Howe, & Bucci on Oct. 29, 2014 to include the submission of the 2015 Westerlo Volunteer Fire Co. Budget figures.

ATTENDING WERE: Supervisor Richard H. Rapp  
Councilman Alfred L. Field  
Councilman Theodore S. Lounsbury III  
Councilman Anthony W. Sherman  
Councilman William F. Bichteman Jr.

Also attending: Town Clerk, Kathleen Spinnato.

The Town Board discussed and reviewed the budgets as submitted by Westerlo Vol. Fire Company, Westerlo Rescue Squad, & Westerlo Public Library.

- **FIRE** Company 2015 Budget- Supervisor Rapp reported: \$191,305 increased by \$3,500. Discussion followed Councilman Bichteman reported he would like to see more detailed information. Board agreed in favor with budget figure for now.
- **RESCUE** Squad 2015 Budget remains same as previous yr. \$100,000 – Board agreed in favor of budget..
- **LIBRARY** 2015 Budget- Per letter from President, Board of Trustees Laura Tenney; \$73,474 an increase (3.19%) from previous yr. –Councilman Sherman asked questions regarding Library Budget and a discussion followed on budget figure totals, and Capital Reserve Fund – a new line item to replenish fund. Board agreed in favor of budget.
- **MUSEUM** 2015 Budget-\$7,000. Supervisor Rapp reported he hadn't received a 2015 Museum Budget. Discussion followed on previous year's budget amount of \$11,000. Supervisor Rapp reported the elimination of a position the reason for cost savings. Board agreed in favor.

**WATER FUND-** Board agreed in favor. Councilman Bichteman discussed potentially changing the Water District quarterly payment schedule in the future. Currently the Westerlo Water District No. 1 quarterly payment schedule falls on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each of the following months; November, February, May, and August.

**GENERAL FUND**

- Highway Salaries-No increases

The Town Board agreed the following changes be made to the 2015 Tentative Budget(10/29/2014):

- 1410/Town Clerk- The Town Board discussed the Town Clerk's proposed budget request. Councilman Sherman had questions regarding figures provided by Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci which lumped all salaries together under A-1410.1. After discussion and review the Town Board agreed in favor of the following changes:
  - A-1410.1 Town Clerk – from \$34,500 to \$40,700
  - A-1410.11 Deputy Town Clerk- proposed salary increase was denied.
  - Addition of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Clerk budgeted at \$6,400-was agreed upon
  - A-1410.2 Clerk Capital Outlay- Unchanged

A-1410.4 Contractual changed from \$5,000 to \$5,500.

- 4540/Ambulance (Albany County EMS) Town Board to increase from \$84,500 to \$90,000.
- 8010/Zoning –Proposed budget figure of \$12,600. Town Board agreed to change amount in account code 8010.1 and correct from \$12,600 to \$13,875, & account code 8010.4 remain \$500.
- 8020/Planning: Code 8020.1 correct amount from \$11,100 to \$14,875 and 8020.4 amount to remain \$1,000.
- 7550/Celebrations: Change code 7550.4 from \$500 to \$1,000 and change code 7550.41 WestCAC from \$500. to \$0.

The Town Board agreed to make **no** corrections or revisions on the 2015 Tentative Budget (10/29/2014) for the following codes:

- A-1440/Engineer
- A-1220/Supervisor- No salary increase for Supervisor. Supervisor advised an increase in salary for the position of Clerk to Supervisor is included in the 2015 proposed Tentative Budget figure.
- A-1320/Auditor - Discussion followed about obtaining bid proposals for the future.
- 1355/Assessment- Brief discussion followed regarding the accounting firms proposed figures.
- A-1420 /Law
- A-1450/Elections
- A-1620/Buildings
- A-1910/Unallocated Insurance
- A-1920/Municipal Assoc. Dues
- A-3510/Dog Control
- A-3620/Safety Inspection
- A-4210/Narcotic Guidance Control –Remain \$0
- A-5010/Highway & Street Administration
- A-5132/Garage
- A-5182/Street Lighting
- A-6410/Publicity
- A-7110/Parks-(\$20,000 Capital Outlay was included for a mower.)
- A-7310/Youth Program
- A-7510/Historian
- A-7620/Adult Recreation
- A-8160/Refuse & Garbage
- A-9010/State Retirement
- A-9030/Social Security
- A-9040/Workers Compensation
- A-9055/Disability Insurance
- A-9060/Hospital/Medical Insurance (Discussed the need to receive information/ quotes prior to budget time period.)

#### **HIGHWAY FUND**

The Town Board agreed to make **no** corrections or revisions on the 2015 Tentative Budget (10/29/2014) for the following codes:

- DA-5110/Maintenance of Roads

- DA-5120/Bridges
- DA-5130/Machinery
- DA-5142 /Snow Removal
- DA-9010/State Retirement
- DA-9030/Social Security
- DA-9040/Worker's Compensation
- DA-9055/Disability Insurance
- DA-9060/Hospital/Medical Insurance
- DA-9089/Other Benefits
- Statutory Install Bonds
- Bond Anticipation Notes

There being no further review of the 2015 Tentative Budget the workshop was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Spinnato