

**TOWN OF WESTERLO
TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS
REGARDING PROPOSED: 2015 TOWN OF WESESTERLO FIRE CO. BUDGET
2015 WESTERLO RESCUE SQUAD BUDGET
2015 TOWN OF WESTERLO BUDGET
OF
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

The Town of Westerlo Town Board held Public Hearings on Wed., Nov. 12, 2014 at 7:30 PM in Westerlo Town Hall for the proposed 2015 Budgets. Notice was published in the Altamont Enterprise, posted on the Town of Westerlo website, and sign board. Supervisor called the Public Hearings to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Also attending were: Town Clerk Kathleen Spinnato, Zoning Board member John Sefcik, and approximately eight residents.

Supervisor Rapp opened the Public Hearing for the proposed 2015 Town of Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company Budget in the amount of \$191,305, an increase of \$3,500 from previous year. Councilman Bichteman commented he would like more information for clarity purposes in the near future but was in favor of passing the Fire Company Budget as presented. All those wanting to be heard having been heard, Councilman Sherman made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the proposed 2015 Town of Westerlo Volunteer Fire Co. Budget, motion was seconded by Councilman Field and unanimously carried.

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town Board has received and reviewed the proposed 2015 Town of Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company Budget, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board accepts the 2015 Town of Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company Budget in the amount of \$191,305, although no contract has been submitted

Councilman Lounsbury seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Lounsbury, Councilman Bichteman, Councilman Sherman, and Councilman Field.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION # 55-2014 was thereby duly adopted.

Supervisor Rapp opened the Public Hearing for the proposed 2015 Westerlo Rescue Squad Budget in the amount of \$100,000 remaining unchanged from the previous year. A resident asked a question regarding an ambulance code in the proposed Town Budget for \$90,000. An explanation was given by the Board explaining the \$90,000 was for Albany County EMS services and not for the Town of Westerlo Rescue Squad. Councilman Bichteman commented he would like the Westerlo Rescue Squad to produce audit information annually and include this information with their budget/contract in the future, the same as he is asking the Fire Company to do. All those wanting to be heard having been heard, Councilman Lounsbury made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing on the proposed 2015 Westerlo Rescue Squad Budget, motion seconded by Councilman Field and unanimously carried.

Councilman Bichteman made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town Board has received and reviewed the proposed 2015 Westerlo Rescue Squad Budget, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board accepts the 2015 Westerlo Rescue Squad Budget in the amount of \$100,000 as submitted.

Councilman Field seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Bichteman, Councilman Field, Councilman Sherman, and Councilman Lounsbury.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION # 56-2014 was thereby duly adopted.

Supervisor Rapp then opened the Public Hearing for the proposed 2015 Town of Westerlo Budget in the amount of \$2,622,877 an increase of \$26,920 from the previous year. The Public commented on or asked questions regarding the following Street Lighting, Youth Program, Adult Recreation, Public Safety, Library Employee salaries, the biggest savings in the budget, social security, museum art gallery, the highway garage Bond Anticipation Note, Water Fund, Income from Sales Tax, and NYS Retirement which the Supervisor or Town Board answered. All those wanting to be heard having been heard, Supervisor Rapp made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the proposed 2015 Town of Westerlo Budget at 8:03 PM. Councilman Sherman made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town Board has received and reviewed the proposed 2015 Town of Westerlo Budget in the amount of \$2,622,877 as submitted, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board accepts the 2015 Town of Westerlo Budget as submitted

Councilman Lounsbury seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Sherman, Councilman Lounsbury, Councilman Field and Councilman Bichteman

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION # 57-2014 was thereby duly adopted.

There being no further business, Councilman Sherman made a motion to close the meeting at 8:05 PM, motion seconded by Councilman Field and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Spinnato