

**TOWN OF WESTERLO
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING & WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

The Town of Westerlo Town Board held a Special Town Board and Workshop meeting on Monday, Nov. 19, 2018 at Westerlo Town Hall, 933 County Route 401, Westerlo, NY. Supervisor Rapp opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDING WERE: Supervisor Richard H. Rapp
Councilman Anthony W. Sherman
Councilman Joseph J. Boone
Councilwoman Amie L. Burnside (arrived late)
Councilman Richard Filkins

Also attending were: Code Enforcement Officer/Deputy Supervisor Edwin Lawson, Planning Board Chairwoman Dorothy Verch, Zoning Board member John Sefcik, Highway Employee Rick Rupeka, President of the Fire Company Kelley Keefe, Clerk to the Supervisor Patricia Boice, Deputy Town Clerk II Karla Weaver and approximately three residents.

Councilman Boone announced that Councilwoman Burnside would be arriving late this evening.

Councilman Boone mentioned that the Westerlo Hometown Heroes Committee (WHHC) had the closing ceremony over the weekend. On behalf of the Town Board he accepted a banner that was presented by the WHHC.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING RE: PRELIMINARY BUDGET FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Councilman Sherman made a motion to reopen the public hearing from November 14th at 7:12 pm on the 2019 budget. Seconded by Supervisor Rapp, motion carried by those in attendance.

ZBA member John Sefcik asked about the amount allocated for Workman's Compensation. Councilman Sherman responded that the budgeted amount is lower next year due to town negotiations; however Supervisor Rapp indicated he wanted to leave the amount the same.

Councilman Filkins asked about line "4089 Other" under income. Councilman Boone clarified that it was a grant from the dormitory authority which was used for asbestos abatement. It was suggested that any grant money be moved to line "2707 Grants from Local Government".

The amount under income for Planning Board fees was discussed. Deputy Town Clerk mentioned she would research why the actual income amounts were so low and believed it may be due to being coded incorrectly in the software program.

Planning Board Chairwoman Dotty Verch questioned what "Minor Sales" was for under income and it was explained that it is for items sold in the Town Clerk's office.

Salaries for the Highway Employees were discussed as well as the increase of health insurance costs. Supervisor Rapp announced that the Highway Employees were ok with \$1.00/hr raise and that Highway Superintendent Jody Ostrander did not want a raise.

Councilman Sherman made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Supervisor Rapp, motion carried by those in attendance.

2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET TO 2019 ADOPTED BUDGET

Councilman Sherman made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town of Westerlo has held a Public Hearing on the 2019 Town of Westerlo Preliminary, the 2019 Westerlo Vol. Fire Co. and the 2019 Westerlo Rescue Squad Budgets, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the 2019 Preliminary Budget become the 2019 Town of Westerlo Adopted Budget

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilmen Boone, Sherman and Filkins, Councilwoman Burnside

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION # 59 -2018 was thereby duly adopted.

CLOSING OF SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Councilman Sherman made a motion to close the Special Town Board meeting at 8:05 pm. Supervisor Rapp seconded, all in favor motion carried.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

Councilman Sherman made a motion to open the Town Board Workshop meeting at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Councilman Boone, all in favor motion carried.

With there being no business to discuss, Councilman Sherman made a motion to adjourn the Town Board Workshop meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Burnside, all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Weaver
Deputy Town Clerk II