

Marcellus Town Board

Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 5PM by Supervisor Ross.

Attending were Supervisor Ross and board members Lathrop, Hakes, and O'Hara. Also, Highway Superintendent MacLachlan, Planning Board Chairman Wickett, Town Justices Dailey and Moses and Code Officer Houser. Also, MAVES Director Knapp, and residents MJ Paul and J. Scanlon, Jr.

Planning Board Chairman Wickett asked the Board to consider a merit raise for the Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Board based on her experience and knowledge of the operations of boards. Chairman Wickett listed several criteria to justify his request.

MAVES Director Knapp was present to discuss the agency request for funding. The increase in funding is the result of increased fuel and repair costs as well as a 2% increase in personnel costs. Director Knapp also discussed mutual aid and MAVES operations.

Town Justices Dailey and Moses were present to discuss the Court 2013 budget request. The Board discussed salary requests for the Court Clerks as well as the contractual request as well as building issues.

Code Enforcement Officer Houser presented his budget request and discussed the operations of the Code Enforcement Office.

The Board discussed the Employee Health Benefits plan and agreed to renew the current plan including the Healthy Rewards program. Board member O'Hara requested the broker attend an employee meeting to review the Healthy Rewards program.

The Board reviewed the Highway overtime request and agreed to reduce the DA overtime request to 1,250 hours and the DB request to 1,000 hours.

Resident MJ Paul asked the board about fund balance estimates and their impact on the 2013 budget process. Supervisor discussed the process to clean up accounting shortcomings of past years and the calculation of accurate balances by fund. It was pointed out that the bank balances are higher than what town accounting records show. The 2010 Supervisors Report is nearing completion.

Resident J. Scanlon inquired about the town's ability to contract with the State to plow State roads in the town. The Board will research the possibility.

At 7:45 PM the board entered executive session to discuss employee performance matters. The Board returned from executive session at 8:10.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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