## **November 4, 2015**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held for the purpose of conducting the 2016 Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall. Four board members were present and there were four guests in attendance; Councilman Stern was absent. Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Since the prior budget workshop, the budget has again been adjusted to allow allocation of money to provide for emergency services in town. A tax cap override will be necessary considering this change.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to conduct a public hearing to address a tax cap override for the 2016 budget on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm in Pioneer Town Hall.

Carried 4 ayes

At 7:05 pm, Mr. Davis moved to open the 2016 budget hearing, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Supervisor Macko reviewed the budget highlights:

- \$100,000 was added into the 'other health, ambulance' line. This should provide for 2 paid personnel, 12 hours per day, 365 days per year.
- All employees receive a 1% raise; those earning less than \$13.00/hour will make a flat rate 25 cent per hour raise.
- The youth winter skating program will continue for 4 Sundays this year.
- The NYS Retirement costs have decreased by \$16,600, and the medical insurance plan is holding steady. Some revenues are up slightly.

Supervisor Macko noted that this is a very lean budget. The proposed tax rate reflects an increase of .0424502; a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 would pay an additional \$4.24 in property taxes in 2016. A missing component is the defined number per EFC to cover the short-term financing of payment on the sewer project. For this reason, a decision was made to leave the Budget Hearing open at this time. The final Hearing has already been scheduled for Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 7:00 pm in Pioneer Town Hall.

Mr. Macko opened the hearing for any public comments or questions:

**Mrs. Audrey Mattot** questioned if the budget was within the tax cap? Mr. Macko replied the maximum allowable increase to fall within this years' cap is .0469; the budget as presented today showed an increase of .0424. As the sewer financing payment is not yet reflected in the budget, the tax cap override will need to be considered.

There being no further public nor board comments, Mr. Bear moved to adjourn today's budget hearing, previously scheduled to reopen on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 4 ayes

In other business, discussion occurred regarding the Town's acquisition of 0.54 acres of land from neighboring property owned by the AJ Cunningham funeral home.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to hold a public hearing to allow the Town Board to adjoin this parcel to neighboring Town owned property, on Monday, November 16, 2015 in Pioneer Town Hall, immediately following the hearing scheduled for 6:30 pm to address a tax cap override.

Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko discussed the planned second Public Hearing to consider a proposed law regulating the clearing of snow from sidewalks in town. Stated due to the construction in the community related to the sewer work, the best thing to do would be to table this law until next year. Letters will be sent to residents

within the three hamlets reminding them of NYS Code regarding the clearing of snow/ice/debris from the sidewalks.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to table this discussion until next year.

Carried 4 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector
SUPERVISOR MACKO
MR. BEAR
MR. BENSEN
MR. DAVIS