

October 2, 2017

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville began on October 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall for the purpose of conducting a budget workshop. Four board members were present, as well as Bookkeeper Joanne Kratz and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh. Councilman Stern was absent. There were 3 guests present this evening. Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A presentation was offered by Mr. Dave Vitti of BAS, Inc., for updating the Town's computer infrastructure, including adding a networked server, and providing monthly maintenance and daily remote service as needed. BAS, Inc., already provides municipal software within our Clerk, Collector, Codes, and Planning and Zoning Departments. Supervisor Macko thanked Mr. Vitti for his proposal; a decision will be made at the upcoming regular monthly board meeting.

It has been brought to our attention by Mr. Ray Ward of the Greene County Real Property Tax Service that every ten years it is necessary to review the local law which allows limited exemptions from real property taxes for residential real property owned by veterans who rendered military service to the USA during the Cold War.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to conduct a public hearing to address this exemption on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm in Pioneer Town Hall.

Carried 4 ayes

Continued review of the 2017 tentative budget occurred. Lengthy discussions ensued. To stay under the imposed tax cap of 1.84%, the maximum amount to be raised by taxes for the upcoming year is \$847,946. Line items were reviewed and adjusted. Salaries were addressed; to be aligned with the highway union workers, a 45 cent per hour raise was discussed for other employees.

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to limit raises to the hourly employees only, at 45 cents per hour.

Carried 4 ayes

Discussion continued. Supervisor Macko feels that in fairness, factoring in raises to all remaining, salaried employees will not be a big number and should be considered.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to rescind the above motion to limit raises to hourly employees only. The Board was polled and all present voted 'aye'.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Davis stated he felt the Town should stay below the 'cap' within every area of town. If one stays below, all should be expected to stay below. An additional budget workshop is necessary; Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bensen, to hold this workshop on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Pioneer Town Hall.

Carried 4 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 9:50 pm.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. BENSEN

MR. DAVIS