

# Town of Greenville

## SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 6:00pm

A special meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 6:00pm at Pioneer Hall to conduct the first budget workshop for the 2023 budget cycle. Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01pm.

Four members of the Board were present, Councilman Richards was absent. Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley, Planning Board Chair/Town Historian Don Teator, Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald, Bookkeeper Joanne Kratz were present, as well as a representative from Freehold Fire Dept.

***This workshop was advertised in the Town's official newspaper, The Catskill Daily Mail, on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.***

*Supervisor Macko mentioned that he had been in contact with the rest of the Board and the main goal for the Town and this budget cycle was to "attract, keep and retain employees". The Board has opted to raise all salaries by 6% to help alleviate the 10% rise from inflation and the increased cost of living.*

The tentative 2023 budget was gone through line by line. The following points of discussion were had:

**Building Dept** – While CEO Mark Overbaugh was not able to attend this meeting he did relay to Supervisor Macko that if there were any concerns regarding salary increases for the building department he would happily offer his raise to the building department clerk. No remarks were made regarding this declaration.

### **Revenues –**

Town Clerk-Collector will give updated revenues to Supervisor Macko for the next budget workshop.

On the General Fund Revenues page there was discussion about the interest and earnings line. On the tentative budget it is at \$700. Councilman Bensen pointed out with the increase of interest rates this number should be higher. The interest and earnings line was increased to \$900 on the 2023 tentative budget. No other comments were made regarding this change.

**Highway** – Supervisor Macko pointed out to the Board that there was a significant increase on the machinery equipment line. This increase was made in an effort to preserve the money that had in previous years gone towards truck payments that will be paid off by November 2022. This will help maintain the highways budget to what it has been in prior years. No further comments were made regarding this increase.

**Water** – Supervisor Macko mentioned that minimal information had been provided by the Water Department so there were no significant changes made other than the town-wide salary increases.

**Lighting District** – Supervisor Macko explained where each lighting district was and their YTD costs (through August). After much discussion it was decided to increase each lighting districts' fund appropriations. Greenville Lighting District #1 (downtown area) was changed from \$9,200.00 to

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\$10,000.00, Greenville Lighting District #2 (Country Estates & Plaza) was changed from \$4,000.00 to \$4,800.00, and Freehold Lighting District was changed from \$8,800.00 to \$10,000.00.

**Sewer** – Supervisor Macko has been in contact with J. Myers regarding price increases for 2023. This number hasn't increased in 5 years and while he is still waiting to hear back Supervisor Macko is anticipating a \$1000.00 increase. No further comments were made regarding the anticipated change.

**Postage Line** – Town Clerk-Collector mentioned that the Town should be utilizing a separate line for postage. Each department will contribute the postage line in an effort to have more accurate postage costs/usage for each department. This was well received by the Board and will be worked into the next budget hearing.

**Park Equipment** – There was extensive discussion had about increasing the park equipment line. Maintenance Supervisor Tim Fitzgerald mentioned the wear and tear on some of the mowers and anticipates that they will need a new mower in 2023. Tim will be gathering some mower quotes to bring to the next budget workshop. No further discussion was had regarding this request at this time.

**Executive Session** – At 7:43pm Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations per article 14 of Civil Service Law.

*Carried 4 ayes*

**Regular Session** – At 8:20 Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to back into regular session. Carried 4 ayes

**Surveyor** – Councilman Bensen motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to hire a surveyor to survey the Town property by the skate park to find out exactly what is there. Carried 4 ayes

**There being no further business this meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.**

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Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

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Supervisor Macko

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Councilman Bear

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Councilman Bensen

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Councilman William J. Von Atzingen