

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

As advertised in the Post Journal and posted on the public board, the Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget was opened at 7:00p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W.Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor
Barbara Beightol, Councilwoman
Kelly Rhinehart, Councilman
Kevin D. Colburn, Councilman
Jeffrey Reynolds, Councilman
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recording Secretary
Diane Reynolds, Resident
Sandy Colvenback, Resident
Brenda Rickard, Library President
Judy Whittaker, Library Director
Cynthia Wragge, Library Trustees
Ron Rickard, resident

Public Hearing for 2020 Budget

Brenda Rickard, President of Ellington Farman Library, informed the Town Board that they are pretty sure the Library has lost the \$7500."Bullet aid" that they always received from Senator Cathy Young. The \$31,000. That is in the Town Budget for the Library will just cover their worker's wages, worker's comp. and Social Security for the year. She gave information pertaining to the costs of just keeping the building open. Judy Whittaker, Director, told the Board that they cannot cut the hours of operation as this would change their Library funding. Directors from local libraries have also gone to Albany to ask for funding. With nothing more to discuss for Public Hearing, it was closed at 7:18p.m.

Budget numbers for the Assessor's 2020 reevaluation of property were discussed. Supervisor proposed setting aside \$6,000. in a Reserve Fund to pay for the reevaluation expenses.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to set up a Resolution for a Reserve Fund of \$6,000.to pay the 2020 reevaluation expenses.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Rhinehart-nay, Reynolds-nay, Cronk-aye Carried.

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Supervisor would like to leave budgeted Superintendent of Highways (A5010.1) at \$56,500. for our 2020. Also Supervisor would like to propose the \$750.00 decreased in A5010.1 be placed in Library A7410.4 bringing that total to \$31,750. This will keep our tax rate the same.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to change A5010.1 to \$56,500. And place the \$750. in Library contractual.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Reynolds-nay, Cronk-aye Carried.

Supervisor request change to Employee Benefits-Health & Medical Ins. DA9060.8 From \$38,000 down to \$20,000 and place \$18,000 back in fund balance.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to lower DA9060.8 to \$20,000. And put the \$18,000. back in fund balance.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Reynolds-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Councilwoman Beightol would like to see Playgrounds & Recreation A7140.4 earmarked for use of children's programs at Library when requested case by case.

Motion made by Beightol, seconded by Colburn to make the preliminary budget the adopted budget for 2020.

VOTE: Beightol-aye, Colburn-aye, Rhinehart-aye, Reynolds-nay, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Rhinehart to adjourn at 7:36p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro
Town Clerk/Recd Secy.

