

Regular Meeting of the Vestal Town Board November 14, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Vestal, County of Broome and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 605 Vestal Parkway West, Vestal, NY on November 14, 2018.

TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

Supervisor John Schaffer
Councilman Fran Majewski
Councilwoman Sue Messina
Councilman John Fletcher
Councilwoman Patty Fitzgerald (arrived at 6:02)

ALSO ATTENDING: Town Attorney David Berger, Town Clerk Emil Bielecki, 1st Deputy Town Clerk Kathie Young and one member of the general public.

Supervisor Schaffer called the Regular Meeting to order at **6:00 PM**, welcomed everyone and asked that all present join in the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Majewski, Fletcher, Messina, Schaffer
 Nays 0 Absent 1 Fitzgerald

Resolved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 7, 2018 are approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Seeing or hearing no one wishing to speak, Supervisor Schaffer closed the Privilege of the Floor.

Councilwoman Fitzgerald arrived at 6:02 PM.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

Advertise for Public Hearing to Amend Sewer Rents

R255-18 On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Messina, Schaffer
 Nays 0

Resolved to authorize the Town Attorney to advertise **Local Law H of the Year 2018**, "A Local Law Amending Sewer Rents in the Town of Vestal" on November 21, 2018 for a Public Hearing on December 5, 2018.

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Amend the 2019 Preliminary Town of Vestal Budget

R256-18 On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Messina, Schaffer
Nays 0

Resolved to **amend the 2019 Preliminary Town of Vestal Budget** as follows:

CHANGES TO PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FINAL BUDGET - APPROPRIATIONS

General Fund	Department		2019 PRELIM	2019 FINAL	CHANGE
A1430	1010 HR	Salaries	\$53,535	\$44,737	(\$8,798)
A1620	2255 GENERAL TOWN	Capital Improvements	\$0	\$27,000	\$27,000
A1680	2100 IT	Operational Equip.	\$0	\$24,000	\$24,000
A1680	2220 IT	Computer Hardware	\$0	\$132,500	\$132,500
A1990	4322 CONTINGENT	Contingent Account	\$71,726	\$131,891	\$60,165
A3120	2220 POLICE	Computer Hardware/Software	\$14,361	\$3,200	(\$11,161)
A3120	4441 POLICE	Software Maintenance	\$3,700	\$14,861	\$11,161
A8810	4060 CEMETARIES	Operating Exp. & Supplies	\$3,000	\$3,200	\$200
A9730	6452 BANS	Principal On BANS	\$311,250	\$369,585	\$58,335
A9950	9000 INTERFUND	Interfund Transfer to Capital	\$0	\$223,000	\$223,000
Highway Fund					
D5142	4006 SNOW	Control Ice & Snow	\$279,000	\$285,000	\$6,000
D9901	9002 TRANSFERS	Transfer to Health Ins Fund	\$740,384	\$730,010	(\$10,374)
D9950	9000 TRANSFERS	Interfund Transfer	\$0	\$293,500	\$293,500
Sewer District					
S9950	9000 TRANSFERS	Interfund Transfer	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
Water District					
W9950	9000 TRANSFERS	Interfund Transfer	\$0	\$700,000	\$700,000
			\$1,476,956	\$3,482,484	\$2,005,528

CHANGES TO PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FINAL BUDGET - ESTIMATED REVENUE

General Fund			2019 PRELIM	2019 FINAL	CHANGE
A1001	1001	Real Property Taxes	\$5,494,468	\$5,485,870	(\$8,598)
A1011	1011	Approp. Fund Balance	\$201,400	\$726,400	\$525,000
Highway Fund					
D1011	1011	Approp. Fund Balance	\$20,000	\$309,126	\$289,126
Sewer District					
S1011	1011	Approp. Fund Balance	\$213,073	\$713,073	\$500,000
Water District					
W1011	1011	Approp. Fund Balance	\$232,111	\$932,111	\$700,000
			\$6,161,052	\$8,166,580	\$2,005,528

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Final 2019 Town of Vestal Budget Adopted

Councilman Majewski stated that although the Board worked hard on this budget, he cannot vote to approve it. His main objections are to the exorbitant pay increases granted to some employees and the failure to recognize the hard work and contributions of our volunteer boards.

Councilwoman Fitzgerald stated the Board worked hard on the budget, but you cannot make everyone happy. Vestal is a great place to live and our departments do an incredible job. We had some heated discussions, but that is part of the job.

Councilwoman Messina also noted the hard work that was put in to complete this budget and stated that the Town has achieved zero fiscal stress two years in a row. During the lengthy review process, everyone had the opportunity to say what he or she wanted to say. She finds it difficult to believe that anyone would wait until now to vote against the budget as failing to pass this budget would result in adoption of a budget that included a greater tax burden to the residents.

Councilman Fletcher noted that being newly elected to the Board, this was his first Town budget that he has worked on. As a Board, we should welcome the diversity of opinions and in how varying ideas come together to create success; such as a final budget. Disagreements are part of the process and are not necessarily bad but they should be brought up and vetted during the work sessions in order to reach a decision that represents the best interests of the Town's residents.

Supervisor Schaffer expressed his disappointment with Councilman Majewski's decision to vote against this budget and called it politically motivated. The Board worked hard on this budget and succeeded in keeping the tax rate increase very low. Everyone had an opportunity to voice their opinions during the budget review process and the issues raised by Mr. Majewski were addressed and explained during these work sessions.

R257-18 On a motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Messina, Schaffer
Nays 1 Majewski

Resolved to adopt the 2019 Preliminary Town Budget, including Special Districts, as amended on November 14, 2018, as the **Final 2019 Town of Vestal Budget** with a tax levy in the amount of **\$10,944,885** and appropriations in the amount of **\$30,283,869**.

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CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Majewski, Fletcher, Fitzgerald, Messina, Schaffer
Nays 0

Resolved the **Consent Agenda** is approved as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS: Fitzgerald/Majewski

Advertise for Public Hearing on Water/Sewer Extensions

R258-18 Authorization for the Town Attorney to advertise on December 5, 2018 for a Public Hearing on December 19, 2018 for the Establishment of Consolidated Sewer District No. 1, Extension No. 162 and Consolidated Water District No. 1, Extension No. 200 at 325 Costley Road. Petitioner: Richard Yarosh

FINANCE: Messina/Fletcher

Receive and File:

Warrant Reports: 2018-45, 2018-45E, 2018-45B, 2018-45C

Budget Transfers: 10/22/2018 - 11/12/2018

R259-18 Authorization for Deputy Comptroller Nick Angeline to execute budget transfers dated 10/22/2018 - 11/12/2018 as attached to his memo to the Town Board dated November 12, 2018.

PERSONNEL: Majewski/Fitzgerald

Occupational Health Services Agreement with Lourdes Hospital

R260-18 Authorization for the Town of Vestal to enter into an agreement with **Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Inc.** to receive *Occupational Health Services* on an as-needed basis beginning January 1, 2019 as described in the contract and for the Town Supervisor to sign such contract.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Messina/Majewski

Firemen Breakfast with Santa

R261-18 Approval from the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Vestal Fire Department Membership to hold Station 2's **Firemen Breakfast with Santa** on December 9, 2018, 7:30 am till 11:30 am, at Station # 2 in Vestal Center.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Winter Parking Hours** take effect on December 1 thru March 31. No parking of vehicles on any Town streets and roads from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM. Violators will be ticketed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the meeting was adjourned at **6:12 PM**. Carried unanimously.

Approved by _____
Emil J. Bielecki, Town Clerk