

**2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
OCTOBER 9, 2017**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:11 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

<i>(X) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt</i>	<i>() High. Superin. Alden Goodermote</i>
<i>() Councilman Chris Demick</i>	<i>(X) Town Attorney, Craig Crist</i>
<i>(X) Councilman William Jennings</i>	<i>(X) Assessor, Jennifer Van Deusen</i>
<i>(X) Councilman Philip Roder</i>	<i>(X) Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, Owen Cassavaugh</i>
<i>(X) Councilman Gerald Robinson</i>	<i>(X) Planning Board Chairman, Derrick Gardner</i>
<i>(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar</i>	<i>(X) Supervisor's Bookkeeper, Maureen Seel</i>

A quorum was wasn't established.

2 from the Public were present

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

P. Roder: this is not normal practice to pass a resolution at a workshop meeting.

S. Wagar: I was notified by Tammy on Friday that she needed this by tomorrow in order to submit the grant in time.

L. Eckhardt: she gave me the resolution the day after our last board meeting.

P. Roder: don't agree with this since it is not normal practice, don't want people thinking we will continue to do this.

RESOLUTION #25 - 2017

SUPPORTING THE JCAP GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE STEPHENTOWN JUSTICE COURT

WHEREAS: the Town of Stephentown Town Board recognizes the importance, meaningful and necessary presence of the Town of Stephentown Justice Court; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Stephentown Town Board recognizes that the Town of Stephentown Justice Court will expand their current office space; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Stephentown acknowledges that this current space is needed to be updated and expanded to accommodate meeting space, office and storage space; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Stephentown Town Board has limited ability to provide for the renovations to the Justice Court and municipal standards required, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Members of the Town of Stephentown Town Board support and approve the 2017 application of the Town of Stephentown Justice Court to the Justice Court Assistance Program for \$30,000 for assistance in renovation costs as requested per application dated October 9, 2017.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT

SECONDED BY: ROBINSON

VOTES OF: 3 AYE (ECKHARDT, JENNINGS, ROBINSON)

1 NAY (RODER)

L. Eckhardt: discusses the summary of the 2018 Budget, refers to it not being a bad start. Highway has somethings with updating their Union Contract so their Personal Services may need to be adjusted. The Town Board has not changed in several years it's been around 8 years possibly more, questions regarding giving the board \$250 each member and the Supervisor \$500.

B. Jennings: board agreed to discuss this every year, against the 2% increase but not a set small fee, Maureen where does it throw the Budget at?

L. Eckhardt: \$1,000 more for the board, and \$500 for the Supervisor, Aldie your numbers are tied to the Union Contract?

A. Goodermote: yes.

M. Seel: Governor allows around \$18,000 increase over last year's budget this year, to get to 0% where the budget currently is you would need \$16,727 to cover General Fund and \$37,915 Highway Fund, currently there is a 10.8% increase on the General Fund and 5.8% on the Highway Fund for an overall increase of 6.76% which would be a 21cent increase on \$1,000.

Motion: Go into Executive Session 8:45 PM to discuss Attorney client information, Board requests Derrick Gardner to join session.

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT **SECONDED BY: RODER**
VOTES OF: 4 AYE **0 NAY**

Motion: Come out of Executive Session 10:18 PM

MOTION BY: ECKHARDT **SECONDED BY: ROBINSON**
VOTES OF: 4 AYE **0 NAY**

- **PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2017 DOG LICENSURE LAW – AMENDMENT OCTOBER 16TH, 2017 @7:00PM**
- **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING: OCTOBER 23RD, 2017 @ 7:00PM**

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:19 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS **SECONDED BY: RODER**
VOTES OF: 4 AYE **0 NAY**

****A Workshop Meeting** is held every second Monday of every month at **7:00PM** at the Town Hall.

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, October 16th, 2017** at **7:15 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar
Town Clerk