

SPECIAL BYRON TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

October 21, 2009

The Special Byron Town Board Budget Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thomas Felton at 6:00 p.m. with the following people present:

- Supervisor.....Thomas Felton
- Council Members.....Craig Ferguson
Jeanne Freeman
John Ivison
- Town Clerk.....Debra Buck-Leaton
- Highway Superintendent.....George Heins
- Public:
 - Jim Cudney.....Byron-Holley Road, Byron
 - Judy Drews.....Swamp Road, Byron

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Supervisor Felton led the people in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROPOSED 2010 TOWN OF BYRON BUDGET:

The Town Board discussed the Proposed 2010 Town of Byron General, Highway and Fire Department budgets. The following comments and inquiries were made:

General Fund Preliminary Budget:

A1420.4 (Attorney Contractual):

- Would like to allocate money for water districts. Money will come back to the town during construction.
- Supervisor Felton would recommend budgeting \$15,500 for general attorney fees, including Zoning Contingency, and a separate line item of \$44,000 for the Water Districts.

A3620.1 (Safety Inspection Personal Services):

- Increase 3% to \$18,077.
- The Town Board would like to break the ZEO compensation out to a separate line item for additional ZEO responsibilities – zoning enforcement.

A7110.4PK (Park Program Contractual Expense):

- Reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000 due to new restrictions

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- Would like to increase from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to budget money for Robins Brook Park for mowing, etc. at a cost of \$2,000.

A7410.4 (Library):

- Byron Bergen Public Library is requesting \$12,400 for 2010
- The Town Board would like to see this line item cut back to \$1,000 due to the closing of the Gillam-Grant Library.

A8010.1Z: (Zoning Personal Services):

·The Town Board would like to include \$5,000 for zoning contingency if a Zoning Officer is hired or the current Zoning Officer does more zoning work

A8030.4 (Research Contractual Expense):

·Supervisor Felton would like to increase this line item to \$49,000 for water districts.

·The cost of the Income Eligibility Determinations for each water district is not able to be recouped by the town.

A9010.8 (Employees NYS Retirement):

·Increase to \$15,000 due to 2010 projection

A9901.9 (Interfund Transfer to Highway Fund):

·\$25,000 from general to highway historically, but will not be doing this for 2010.

Highway Fund Preliminary Budget:

DA5110.1 (General Repairs Personal Services):

·The Highway Superintendent has requested \$78,000 for 2010. Historically, this figure has been less than \$70,000.

DA5110.4 (General Repairs Contractual Expense):

·The Highway Superintendent has requested \$125,000. Historically, this figure has been approximately \$100,000 (combined with CHIPS money = \$150,000).

DA5142.1 (Snow Removal Personal Service):

·The Highway Superintendent has requested \$120,000. Historically, this figure has been approximately \$112,500.

DA5142.4 (Snow Removal Contractual Expense):

·The Town Board would like to reduce this figure from \$115,000 to \$105,000 due to figure historically being approximately \$110,000

Calculating Tax Rate:

Assessment: \$96,637,740

·If the Town maintains the same tax rate as 2009 (\$1.93/thousand) it will generate \$186,510.

·For comparison, the Town's assessment was \$95,911,437 for the 2009 budget, and \$185,109 was received in property tax revenue.

Fire Department Budgets:

·The Town Board would consider increasing funding based on certain requirements – receipt of certifications.

·Supervisor Felton will ask the fire departments to come to the October 29th meeting.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Ivison to hold a Special Budget meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ferguson and carried with the following vote:

Vote:

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

ADJOURN:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Ferguson to adjourn the Special Budget Meeting of the Byron Town Board at 9:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ivison and carried with the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Buck-Leaton
Byron Town Clerk