

October 17, 2022 – Budget Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this morning at 9 AM. This meeting was conducted in person and on Zoom as a virtual meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2023 Budget. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmembers Carucci, Richman, Wiegand and Walls. There was 1 audience member.

The following changes to the budget were made this morning:

Budget Officer – Salary was increased to \$5,250

Tax Collector Assistant – salary increased to \$3,000

Town Clerk – salary reduced to \$50,000

Highway Clerk – hours increased to 40 and salary increased to \$50,960. This includes time for data entry as needed at the Town Hall.

Planning Board Clerk – hourly salary increased by 6%

Health Insurance - decreased to \$187,298

Under Revenue –

Building & Alterations - increased to \$100,000

Base revenue Wireless Edge – increased to \$35,775

UC Sales Tax – increased to \$275,000

Mortgage Tax – increased to \$275,000

Others items discussed were as follows:

Superintendent of Highways Stiscia – stated that CHiPS this year will be \$215,000. He also stated that a new mower is needed. Highway salaries are waiting on the union.

Board members agreed that the Parks and Recreation budget will remain low and they will commit to adding to a park reserve fund.

Youth Program – There are plans to cut back on campers. The director found it to be more manageable with less campers. He is also suggesting increasing the fees. Supervisor Majestic commented that the director, Brian Edelstein, saved the Town money with busing by having the campers dropped off at the County pool rather than the park and busing them over.

Councilmember Carucci suggested giving bonuses to those employees who save money for programs in the Town.

PB/ZBA – Conference & Education was increased to \$400. Councilmember Walls questioned what training has been completed by Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals members.

Transfer Station – a request has been made by the attendant Dan Scharf to add a 4<sup>th</sup> day to the schedule. This will help with the removal of trash by the County.

Sewer – Bonding was discussed

Grant writer – Board members discussed adding a line in the budget for a grant writer.

Appropriated Unexpended Funds – The Supervisor has taken \$100,000 from the General Unexpended and \$50,000 from the Highway Unexpended in order to reduce taxes.

Councilmember Walls would like the Board to schedule a special session to discuss Capital Planning.

Board members agreed one more budget meeting is needed and scheduled a special meeting for October 24 at 10 AM.

### **SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – 2023 BUDGET**

Board members scheduled the public hearing for the 2023 Budget for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilmember Richman, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk