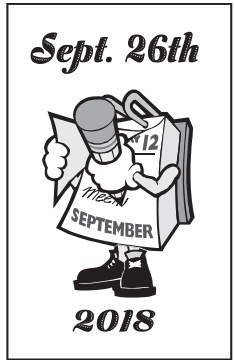




# Town Board ★★★★★★★★



## 1st BUDGET MEETING — 2019 FISCAL YEAR TOWN BUDGET

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Anthony Lucenti; Councilwoman Bette Szesny; and Councilmen Rodney Dodge, Joe Juliano, and Eric Kane.

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** Budget Officer, Barbara J. Boulia, and Acting Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson.

The purpose of the meeting was to go over what the department heads wanted for the 2019 Budget.

The second meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk



## 2<sup>ND</sup> BUDGET MEETING — 2019 FISCAL YEAR TOWN BUDGET



**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Anthony Lucenti, Councilwoman Bette Szesny, Councilmen Rodney Dodge, Joe Juliano and Eric Kane.

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** Budget Officer Barbara J. Boulia, and Acting Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson.

A full accounting of all the Departments will follow. \*

Motion by Szesny second by Juliano to accept the 2019 General, Highway, Sewer and Fire Department budgets —in the amount of \$780,848.00; all in favor.

It was advised to pay off 2014 Dodge in the amount of \$13,951.18 and put it up for sale; all in favor.

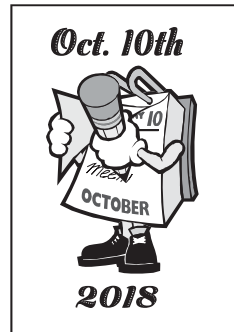
The meeting was closed at 12:05 PM.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

**\* Editor's Note:** The 2019 Preliminary Budget is available for review at the Town Clerk's Office in advance of the November 14th Public Hearing when public comment will be heard prior to Adoption of the 2019 Budget, which in its current format, will incur a 0% increase in Town taxes for the 2019 Fiscal Year.



## REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING



**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Anthony Lucenti; Councilwoman Bette Szesny; and Councilmen Rodney Dodge and Eric Kane. Absent was Councilman Joe Juliano.

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia; Acting Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson; Assessor George Haskell; and Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green. Residents present were Jo-Ann Brown; Richard & Jean Finster; Peter Cardone, Jr.; Jeffery Dingman; and Dale Dodge.

Supervisor Lucenti led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Lucenti said he wanted to thank Barbara Boulia for working on the Budget for 2019. He said she did a great job, with a zero increase in taxes. There will be a Public Hearing on the Budget on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Supervisor Lucenti said he also thanks Bette Szesny for another successful training.

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**PAY BILLS:** Motion by Szesny, Second by Kane that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General: #347 to #389, and Highway: #157 to #166; all in favor.

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018:** Motion by Kane, second by Dodge that the Town Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 12, 2018 and approve them as printed; all in favor.

**RESIDENT COMMENT:** Town Resident Jo-Ann Brown asked the Codes Enforcement Officer the situation regarding the chickens. Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said he brought them to court, and they paid a fine for the fence. He said he will take a ride up tomorrow to check on the situation.

**ASSESSOR REPORT — BY GEORGE HASKELL:** Assessor George Haskell said he is working on the new mailers regarding the STAR Program.

**CODES REPORT — BY PHILIP GREEN:** Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said they had two court cases and a third inspection.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:**

- **ADOPT NEWEST HARRASSMENT POLICY:** Supervisor Lucenti said he received new paperwork regarding the sexual harassment policy, and would like each employee to read it and sign and return it to the Town Clerk. Motion by Kane, second by Dodge to adopt the new Sexual Harassment Policy; all in favor.
- **TOWN ATTORNEY:** Supervisor Lucenti said he has a contract from Jennifer Christman, regarding being the new Town Attorney. Her fee is out of court, \$125.00 per hour; and in Court, \$150.00 per hour. Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge to hire Jennifer Christman to be the new Town Attorney; all in favor.

**REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC STUDY ON COSBY MANOR/WINDFALL ROAD:** Councilman Eric Kane said he is concerned about the traffic on Windfall Road at both intersections of Cosby Manor and Short Lots Road. He said he would like to see a stop sign on Windfall Road. He said it is hard to see if anyone is coming when you are on Short Lots, trying to make the turn either up or down Windfall. Supervisor Lucenti asked the Town Clerk if she would send a letter to the NYS Police. She said she would, but cannot justify a stop sign on Windfall Road. She said she will send them a letter asking them for suggestions on both Cosby Manor and Short Lots Road.

**MOHAWK VALLEY MATERIAL— BRUSH CLEARING:** Supervisor Lucenti said Mohawk Valley Materials will start the brush clearing regarding the sewer line access, with a target date of November 12, 2018.

**TRAFFIC LIGHTS:** Supervisor Lucenti asked the Town Clerk if she would take care of two lights, one on Windfall Road and one on Mapleton Drive. One cycles, and the other is on 24 hours a day.

**TOWN COMPUTERS:** Supervisor Lucenti said there was a meeting with Tom Lindsay to take care of the Town's Computers, as "Computers with a Heart" will be retiring. It was agreed to hire Tom, and to contact him when needed.

**TRAIN HORN REPORT — BY ERIC KANE:** Councilman Kane said there will be a meeting with the F.R.A. on October 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM, to be held at the Town Office Building. Anyone who is interested may attend.

**HIGHWAY REPORT —**

**BY ACTING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PHILIP JOHNSON:**

- **NEW TRUCK:** Acting Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said the new Ford 550 is at Latham, and we should have it in approximately four weeks. He said the 2014 Dodge will be going on Auctions International.
- **NYMIR INSPECTION:** Acting Superintendent of Highways Johnson said the NYMIR inspection went very well. He said they took pictures, etc.
- **TOWN RESIDENT** Jo-Ann Brown asked Mr. Johnson about the ditch in front of her house; she wanted to know when it was going to be cleaned. He said he will contact Herkimer County and find out.

**RECREATION — BY JOE JULIANO:** Not available.

**EXTRAVAGANZA REPORT—WRAP UP MEETING 9/19/2018:**

Supervisor Lucenti said Cosmo Pellegrino was elected Chairman of the Extravaganza. He will be working with Chris & Rick Proulx, Jeff Dingman, and Ken Muzzy.

**REPORT BY PARK RANGER:** The Town Clerk said he took the swings down, and will be working with Stan to winterize. She said Soccer is still going on.

**WATER BOARD REPORT — BY BETTE SZESNY:**

Councilwoman Bette Szesny said neither she nor Eric attended the last budget meeting. She said the Public Hearing and next meeting will be held on October 22, 2018 at City Hall, and it is open session. She said a 2.5% increase has been discussed.

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT — BY BETTE SZESNY:**

- **REGIONAL TRAINING SEMINAR:** Councilwoman Bette Szesny said the Training last Wednesday went very well.
- She said there will be a training session by NYSERDA on November 7th at 6:00 PM regarding Solar Farms. She said if grant funding is awarded, there may be a solar farm on Watkins Road next year.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk