

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board
2021 Budget Work Session

The Norfolk Town Board held a 2021 Budget Work Session on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Charles Pernice, Councilman Donald Purvis, Councilwoman Jean Gang, Councilman Paul Paige.

Also present were Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon, Town Clerk Jill Molnar and Budget Officer William Dashnaw.

Deputy Supervisor Robert Harvey was not present.

Budget Officer Dashnaw distributed the current worksheet to all. The worksheet was reviewed line by line with attention being drawn to the specific areas that were updated from the previous Budget Work Session held August 12, 2020.

Salt budget for 2020 of \$19,265.00 will fall short of actual need. Budget Officer Dashnaw will look into adjustments that can be made for this year. Salt prices can vary greatly from year to year and costs are not available early enough to ensure accurate #'s for budgeting purposes.

The situation with the Highway Department's 2 International trucks was discussed at length. They continue to have issues and are in the shop for costly repairs way too often.

- Supervisor Pernice noted that he has submitted a claim as part of the class action law suit in hopes of recovering some of the repair costs we have incurred. He also noted that the trucks are lemons, he would like to replace them and the value of these two trucks is little more than scrap metal.
- Highway Superintendent Darabon noted that he plans to make do with them for another year.
- Budget Officer Dashnaw noted that the lead time for this type of truck is about a year. If we want to replace, we should budget for it now and get the order placed. We currently have \$100,000 in 5130.2 Machinery EQ 2021 tentative budget which could be used along with \$150,000 of

fund balance for a new truck. He also suggested that we strongly consider getting the optional rake on the back of the truck because it does a good job of putting groves in hard packed snow so the sand and salt don't blow off.

- Approval to order a new truck was granted with a motion from Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. AIF – Carried
- 5130.2 Machinery EQ increased by \$150,000 to \$250,000. Budget Officer Dashnaw will look to see where the additional \$150,000 will come from. (fund balance, sales tax, etc.)

Budget Officer Dashnaw noted that with the current tentative budget numbers we are under the tax cap.

Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon noted that he was not interested in receiving the \$2,500 raise that was approved in the last budget work session. There was discussion. The raise stands and 5010.1 Supt. of Highways PS for 2021 will be \$56,728.00.

Supervisor Pernice noted that we should consider setting up a reserve for the pending new town hall project. There was discussion. Budget Officer Dashnaw noted that once money is pulled out of fund balance it can't be put back in. No action taken at this time.

Supervisor Pernice will provide insurance estimates to Budget Officer Dashnaw.

Supervisor Pernice will provide updated information regarding the NYS Retirement funds to Budget Officer Dashnaw.

The next Budget Work Session set for 10/15/2020 at 05:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Budget Work Session was closed with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilwoman Gang. AIF – Carried

Dated: 09/11/2020

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk