

Town of Enfield
Special Town Board Meeting
September, 28, 2022
6:30 pm
In-Person and via the Zoom Meeting Platform

Present: Town Supervisor Stephanie Redmond; Councilpersons, Cassandra Hinkle, James Ricks, Robert Lynch; Town Bookkeeper Blix T. Taetzsch

Call to Order: Supervisor Redmond called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

Privilege of the Floor: N/A

Additions and Changes to the Agenda: N/A

Correspondence: Supervisor Redmond had received an inquiry from a student in the Trumansburg school district looking for information about the Town of Enfield for a school project. Fire Company President Dennis Hubble –The underwriters of the loan for the new Fire Truck would like the Fire Company’s budget for 2023 increased by \$25,000 to approve the loan.

New Business:

Presentation of Tentative Budget: Supervisor Redmond shared that she had received an increase of \$~500,000 from department heads. Town Bookkeeper Blix T. shared an overview of the budget with an explanation of changes to budget lines.

Discussion – Supervisor Redmond. Blix shared the budget work calendar. Next budget meeting will be on Friday, October 7th at 6 pm. Councilperson Lynch would like Supervisor Redmond to confirm if there is a need to go into executive session to discuss the salaries if you are discussing a pay-raise for a group of people with Town Council. Supervisor Redmond will speak with Town Counsel Guy Krough and will share what is found with the Town Board. Former Clerk Woods who was attending the meeting virtually raised her hand to speak - Supervisor Redmond asked Board Members if Former Clerk Woods could speak. The Board agreed that she could. Former Clerk Woods mentioned that the current clerk works 35 hrs a week and she is unsure if she is receiving a living wage. She also mentioned that the Town should consider offering health insurance to the Town Clerk’s position. Town Bookkeeper mentioned that the Town offers a tax deferred compensation fund.

Town Councilperson Lynch thanked bookkeeper Blix for the fine job she did on the town budget, Supervisor Redmond concurred as well as the remaining board member.

Discussion: Senior Tax Exemption: Supervisor Redmond shared the assessment document from Jay Franklin. Councilperson Lynch shared that we should post the document on the Town Website for public comment. The change would not affect the 2023 tax exemption, it would change the 2024 tax exemption status. Supervisor Redmond will draft a resolution and we can adopt the resolution as needed. Councilperson Lynch would like the board to vote on this at the October Regular Town Board meeting.

Discussion: Letter of Support for Fire Company: Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Hinkle seconded. Councilperson Lynch shared that he is hopeful that the Fire Company receives the funds that they applied for with the County as he has heard that the County received more applications than they had anticipated.

Discussion: Matching funds for the ECC application: Councilperson Lemke has been in communication with the ECC and has suggested that they apply for funds with Tompkins County for building a separate youth space area. They would like to offer telehealth services and they will need to have confidential areas to offer this service. Councilperson Lemke would like to offer up to \$20,000 in matching funds as it can help with the application if matching funds are available. Councilperson Lynch asked if we can spend the Town's ARPA funds on a grant that will be ARPA funds (Councilperson Lemke will look into this). Councilperson Lynch has heard from individuals in our town that believe the bulk of the Town ARPA funds will be spent on community organizations. Councilperson Lynch has not yet heard from the ARPA Committee on their recommendations for ARPA fund distributions, he thought we would have heard back from them by now. Supervisor Redmond shared that we are waiting to hear back on the grant for the Bostwick Rd project (FEMA grant). If we are awarded the grant then the Town would need to match the grant with an obligation of \$100,000. Councilperson Lynch shared we should not decide where to allocate funds until we hear back from the ARPA Committee. Councilperson Lemke shared she came up with the \$20,000 amount based on it being a realistic number and we will not have a timeline on this until the ECC submits the grant. Councilperson Lynch recommended that we put together a resolution to present at the October Regular Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Redmond asked Councilperson Lemke to work with the ECC to draft a resolution to present at the October Regular Town Board Meeting.

Announcements – N/A

Adjournment – Councilperson Ricks motioned to adjourn, Councilperson Lemke seconded., Adjourned 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cornell

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Town Clerk