

Budget Workshop Meeting III – Catskill Town Hall
October 20, 2020 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Dale Finch, Supervisor
 Jared Giordiano, Councilman
 Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
 Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
 Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

Supervisor Finch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

JUSTICE – Judge Paolino presented the board with information regarding the court system. The town will be taking over village court in April of 2021. This will cause additional work. He and Judge Jacobs are requesting a \$5,000 increase in each court clerk's salary because of this. He believes the revenue from the village court will offset the increase. The Judges have declined an increase in salary this year.

Supervisor Finch stated he is unsure what the workload will be and it may exceed what two employees can do. Judge Paolino asked for contingencies.

Discussion regarding the increase in workload and the need for a third person and an increase in the clerks' salaries took place. Supervisor Finch polled the board. The clerks' salaries will be kept at the 2.5% increase and \$17,889 will be added to contingency for a part-time clerk at 25 hours a week. There is no increase in part-time elected official's salaries.

Supervisor Finch reviewed the rest of the budget. Supervisor Finch will get proposals for a payroll firm. The ROT is in need of a deputy. Discussion regarding leasing a truck or rental as well for Central Garage. Supervisor Finch would like the Cemetery Department to clean Town Hall for COVID. IT was fine. Parks – Supervisor Finch would like to add \$10,000. Everyone was ok with that. Youth Program – reduced to \$30,000. Refuse & Garbage – reduced to \$2,500.

Revenue was reviewed. Franchise fee \$61,000. We do not have a renewal contract with Athens yet for Ambulance services. Cemetery was reduced to \$55,000. Justice increased to \$330,000. Stated Aid reduced as this is a set number. Mortgage Tax increased to \$160,000. FEMA \$15,000 added. Code is ok but software will need to be looked at. Building permits increased to \$90,000. Planning Board fees increased to \$5,000. Clean-up costs pulled out of A fund to DA fund and added \$6,000 as the board wishes to have two clean-up days. Machinery – Supervisor Finch stated this should come out of CHIPS money next year. Councilman McCulloch stated you cannot charge CHIPS finance payments and asked if this was reviewed by Shawn Beers. Supervisor Finch stated the account is overfunded. Repairs and Maintenance reduced to \$80,000 and \$145,000 into fund balance. Snow removal reduced to \$95,000. All ok with changes.

Supervisor Finch reviewed the rest of the budget. With no further discussion a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman McCulloch seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk