

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Arietta held October 26th, 2016 at the Piseco Community Hall, commencing at 5:00pm.

Others present: Ryan Germain-highway superintendent
Supervisor Wilt opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Roll Call:

Barry Baker	present
Michael Knapp	present
Sarah Rudes	present
Christy Wilt	present
Richard Wilt	present

The board reviewed the numbers in the 2017 preliminary budget that has been changed at the previous budget workshop meetings.

Mr. Wilt wanted the board to go back over the Highway Superintendents salary. Mr. Baker handed out a comparison sheet with all of the neighboring Town and Village Highway Superintendent's salaries. Wilt said the numbers can be misleading because we don't know what other Town Highway Superintendent's jobs entail. Mr. Baker also handed another comparison sheet of Town Highway Department Road Miles Maintenance and Snow and Ice.

Mrs. Wilt suggested the Board take all the surrounding Towns salaries add them and up and come up with an average salary, which would be \$42,655.90. C Wilt believed the Highway Department should be getting as much as the Town of Morehouse.

Mr. Baker said he was agreeing with S Rudes about splitting out the garbage portion of the salary if they go that route and the Highway Superintendent is willing to take on the overseeing of the garbage department responsibilities in the beginning of each year.

Mr. Wilt said we can set the Highway Superintendents salary at \$43,000.00 a 5% increase and put 4,000.00 in a new line item under the garbage. Under this line item the Town Board would appoint the Highway Superintendent in the beginning of each year, and he would be responsible for the garbage. S Rudes reminded the Highway Superintendent Germain as an elected official he had no requirements to work 8 hours a day or 3 hours a day there is no time card you are only responsible to the people who elected you but this would change this dynamic by being expected to be in charge of the Monday garbage collection and any problems that come out of that and you will have to be there when that makes it necessary to be there. The Town has the responsibility to protect the salary if someone has a different view of the job Highway Superintendent Germain now has.

S Rudes asked about the Community Hall roof, it was suggested M. Knapp and Mel Lascola, Code enforcement officer go back and talk the Architect and see if there was a way to cut costs somehow on the roof project.

C Wilt said don't forget they were looking into a USDA grant money if it is possible.

The Board also looked over the revenues for the General fund and the Highway fund.

All budget changes will be made at the November 7th, Town Board meeting when the final 2017 budget is passed by the Town board.

Motion was offered by: C. Wilt

To adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm.

Second was offered by: M. Knapp

Ayes: Baker, Rudes, Knapp, C. Wilt and R. Wilt. Nays: none

Entered by:

Marion Parslow, Town Clerk