

TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2016 at 7:30 pm

The October 12, 2016 Special meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Tollisen in the A. James Bold Meeting Room at the New Town Hall with the following members present:

Kevin J. Tollisen, Supervisor
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
Daphne V. Jordan, Councilwoman
Jeremy W. Connors, Councilman
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

John P. Wasielewski, Councilman - Excused
Cathy L. Drobny, Deputy Town Attorney - Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC HEARING: THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FROM THE GENERAL FUND CAPITAL RESERVE IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$205,000

Supervisor Tollisen asked if anyone wanted the public hearing notice read. No one came forward and opened the public hearing at

OPENED: 7:31 pm

APPROPRIATED RESERVES – General Fund

Equipment	
Vehicles	
Materials	
A/C Heating System	
Computer & Technology related equipment/upgrades	
Total	\$204,440

Supervisor Tollisen stated that this is basically the same thing that we did at the last meeting for the Water Fund Capital Reserve. This is for the General Fund to expend monies that are needed for various items. Those items are listed and are generic in nature and the amounts that are listed are generic in nature as well. The total reserves that we are looking to create in the not to exceed amount of \$205,000 within the budgeted allocations.

He asked if there were any questions of the Board or the public. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at

CLOSED: 7:32 pm

RESOLUTION NO. 374

Offered by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilwoman Jordan: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Jordan & Connors

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the expenditure from the General Fund Capital Reserve in the not to exceed amount of \$205,000, subject to permissive referendum pursuant to subdivision 4 of Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law.

2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Supervisor Tollisen gave highlights of the Town of Halfmoon 2017 Budget

- No Town Tax for 38th consecutive years
- Budget is up 4% to include additional personnel: Full time cleaner, Full time Data Collector, part time Deputy Clerk, a small contract for a Communication Specialist for the Supervisors Office & Full time Park Department laborer
- Phase II Highway Tax fully implemented is included in the budget which is consistent with the workshops held last year making the residents aware
 - This was phased in over a 2 year period
 - Last year we did not exceed the tax cap
 - This will implement the full Town Highway Tax with the 2%
 - It will increase the budget in a manner that is consistent with the public workshops that we held
 - We are committed to a 20 years paving plan& equipment that is reasonable & prudent for our town residents & town roads in terms of security & safety
 - The last thing that we want to do is impose a tax and the Board takes this very seriously
- Water Fund: the lawsuit with GE & the Town of Waterford was settled this year.
 - We will not be receiving the EPA payments for water reimbursement so you will see an increase of \$600,000 to the Water Fund budget
 - You will see payments to the City of Waterford as per a 4 year agreed upon settlement

2017 Budget – The Department Managers submitted budgets that were extremely reasonable in nature, and take into account very frugal spending. We have looked at 5 year budgeted trends and looked at patterns. We look at what the legitimate needs are with each Department Manager. I think that the budget is a very fair budget.

2016 Budget – We are on budget. We just got good news today 12th payment for mortgage tax does meet & exceeds our budget for 2016. Good news, our sales tax is actually above budget. Our expenditures are flat and are basically within budgeted parameters. We should be in good shape for 2016 and have taken that same approach for 2017.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Connors and seconded by Councilman Hotaling, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk**

