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Supervisor Dellisanti called the Budget Workshop to order at 6 PM and read:

"Notice is hereby given that there will be a Budget Workshop Meeting on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 6PM at Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, NY 12087. The Regular Town Board Meeting will follow at 7 PM. By order of the Town Board, Barbara M. Finke Town Clerk."

Supervisor Dellisanti called on Jeff Ruso to begin.

Councilman Ruso questioned where would like me to start?

Supervisor Dellisanti replied page one would be good.

Councilwoman VanEtten said at the beginning.

Councilman Ruso began by saying that we are looking at the property tax rate that will not exceed the cap of 1.56%, having said that the rest of the work is on the expense side. As we found out today, we have expense figures coming in as we speak so everything is going to be adjusted. This, of course, is a Tentative Budget and the Preliminary Budget will be set and we are going to have a Public Hearing on November 6, a Thursday.

Councilman Norris said excuse me but I missed that one I'm sorry.

Councilman Ruso continued the Public Hearing is on the 6th, the deadline of that, it actually gives us a specific date, it says Thursday following the General Election, this is from the Comptroller's Office, may be adjourned but not beyond November 15.

Ellie Alfeld asked for the time on that?

Councilman Ruso said I beg your pardon.

Ellie Alfeld continued you said November 6, what time?

Councilman Ruso continued we haven't decided that, but that's something we could throw on the table for conversation, I'm just reading from...

Supervisor Dellisanti added that's from the Office of the State Comptroller.

Councilman Ruso explained yes, it came off the manual that's called Information for Town Officials, Page 44. In any event, so that will be the Public Hearing, tonight is just a Workshop amongst ourselves mostly, although that's up to you. I think you have it on the Budget Worksheet that looks like this; it looks like the amount to be raised from taxes will be \$308,000 for General, that's up from \$295,000 from the budget of 2014. The PILOT we have estimated at the same although it looks like it came in a little under this year by \$170, so we kept that budget at \$23,000. Interest and Penalties it seems like we gained a little more in interest than we anticipated, our budget from last year was \$93,000...

Supervisor Dellisanti and Councilwoman VanEtten corrected \$9,300.

Councilman Ruso clarified \$9,300 excuse me. Our actual is \$12,066, we've estimated for 2015 there would be \$12,100. Franchise Fees we kept stable, and it is coming in just close to the figure as the year progresses, \$21,200 is last year; \$21,000 even this year. Clerk fees were up a little so we budgeted \$1,100, this year we are going to budget \$1,475. Recycling/Refuse we budgeted \$250, it is not the biggest money, but we only pulled in \$54 so far this year.

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We estimate that we will maybe end about \$75; this is what we budgeted. Zoning Fees we've actually pulled in \$455, so we have budgeted for \$500. Planning Fees we budgeted \$500, we pulled in \$600 and I think we are budgeting for 2015 \$450.

Supervisor Dellisanti reported I met with Marjorie I think it was Friday and she recommended in those two categories Zoning \$300 and for Planning \$500. I just put that in pencil there for everybody to take a look at.

Councilman Ruso commented that is actually a little bit lower than what we have, we have a total of \$950 instead, we are at \$800, \$150 is not where the action is anyway.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained I'm just letting you know what was discussed.

Councilman Ruso continued Interest and Earnings we have budgeted \$2,000, our actual is \$835, with the remainder of year from middle of September, Bonnie's figures are -- Bonnie from Evening Star Bookkeeping -- we've estimated we're going to come in at \$1,200 which is what we are budgeting 2015 for, basically what this year's was. Dog licenses, we budgeted \$4,400 we are almost there already, we still have 1/4 year left, we are budgeting \$5,600 for 2015 up from \$4,400. Building Permits are down; we went \$11,000 last year, \$8,500 for 2015. Permits, Other looks like we go \$200 more, we budgeted for \$500 this year and we are at \$510 already, so we upped the budget to \$700 for 2015. Fines and Forfeited Bail, we are in a tough spot on that one, we had budgeted \$130,000 for 2014; 2013 we were at \$160,000; 2014 we are at \$130,000; 2015 we budgeted \$100,000. The main reason is we are at \$66,000 through September with about 1/4 of the year left. So unfortunately I think we are going to come in somewhere closer to \$90,000 according to the figures here. Nevertheless, we held our budget at \$100,000. I think that represents one of our biggest budget challenges because that's a hole of \$30,000 that we have to find ways to get around. There is a whole list of associated things where we had actual earnings for 2014, but they are one-time things that we didn't budget anything for, Scrap and Excess Material, Refund of Prior Year of \$1,400, that's not anticipated to continue. The next one, Employee Health and Dental Reimbursement, we budgeted for \$6,000 we are in at \$6,149, but for some changes that are of a personal nature, it is about a specific employee, I'd rather not describe it, but for 2015 it looks like we have budgeted \$9,000. State Aid we have been at \$12,000 pretty close to every year and we are staying at \$12,000; Mortgage Tax \$56,000 and I'm not sure where our numbers are going to go for 2014, this particular line items bothers me a great deal because we are only at \$26,000 and we are budgeting \$56,000. In last year we got \$79,000.

Supervisor Dellisanti advised that Bonnie said she was expecting another big number before the end of the year.

Councilman Ruso agreed the payment is twice a year, that's what she said, we get that money twice a year. So what we received was \$26,000, so she expected the second payment would be in that same neighborhood of \$20 some thousand. Court Facility Grant, I just saw something on the grant, but we didn't put anything in the budget. Of course whatever you put in the budget for income on the grants side, you have to put on the expense side, one way or the other it is a \$0 sum gain. State Aid Youth Programs, we brought in \$750, I'm not sure what to budget for that, if we want to budget for that, it is a one-time type of thing. Municipal Court, we have budgeted \$45,000 last year, this year we are on the spending edge of \$28,000 almost \$29,000 so extrapolating that out in consideration of the fact that we had some down time with some people out or some positions not being filled, we have a budget of \$41,000.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked did you scoot by the Town Board Personal Service? It stays the same as 2014.

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Councilman Ruso advised the Town Board Personal Service, I went right by it, \$16,400, we are staying at \$16,400, that's for Lisa, Chris, Shelly and myself. I would love to give us all a raise, but no. The same thing with the Justices, we are at \$21,200 we are at that same figure for 2014, that is what our Tentative Budget is. Municipal Court Contractual Expenses, we have \$7,000 was last year, we are on a pace to spend \$6,000, that's what we are budgeting. Supervisor Personal Service, that's the same \$1,000, \$1,000 for 2015. Supervisor \$7,925, \$7,925 for 2015. Supervisor Contractual Expenses, this is mostly the bookkeeper, where you are at \$15,000 and we moved it to \$15,500, that includes \$500. Tax Collector Personal Service, that stays the same at \$6,430. Tax Collector Contractual expenses we have already overspent our budget on that, \$2,825 is what we spent through September 14, our budget was \$2,500 so we are overspending by \$325, we have moved that budget from \$2,500 to \$3,000, for an increase of \$500. Assessor we have kept that at same \$20,758, the Clerks we were at \$16,059 we are on a spending pace of \$13,500 which is what we budgeted, so that's a decrease of \$2,500. Assessment Contractual Expenses, we seem to be pretty much on pace, we had \$3,300 last year, we are making \$3,300 this year. Town Clerk \$29,669 and next year 2015 down slightly to \$29,136. There was a bit of an anomaly with this one, just so you know, our budget for 2014 was \$29,669 was what the budget was, but the resolution we did at the first of the year was \$29,136.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained what happened there was a higher percentage rate given to the Town Clerk than there was supposed to be.

Councilman Ruso asked for what reason, everybody in the Town agreed, what was the increase last year, 1%?

Councilwoman VanEtten replied 1%.

Councilman Ruso continued for some reason the personal service for the Town Clerk was 2 % for some reason or another

Supervisor Dellisanti explained I have to tell you that Barb caught that and immediately decreased her own salary.

Councilman Ruso added for some reason that person got a 2% raise.

Supervisor Dellisanti advised it was a mathematical mistake.

Councilman Ruso commented a mathematical mistake, that's what we figured, so we are sticking with the figure that was originally budgeted, I'm not cutting Barb's salary. Deputy Clerk we stayed the same at \$10,605. We are way over budget on this, but that was based on some absences and filling in, so we are well over budget. We spent already \$13,481 when our original budget \$10,600, we are already over \$3,000. It will probably come in a little bit more for every hour people put in. Town Clerk Contractual mostly because of the changes in the expense pattern, we brought it from \$2,300 to \$2,000, we didn't want to go too much lower. At this particular moment, we are spending at a pace through September of \$1,207.99. Attorney Contractual Expenses, last year's budget was \$18,000. I'm glad Tal is not here because his budget is going down to \$15,000 because our contract with Tal is \$15,000. More General Fund. Engineer Contractual Expense we haven't had any expense in there since 2013 and have a \$0 there. Records Management Personal Services we brought that down in part because of our expense pattern, we are budgeting \$900 instead of \$1,500 and \$400 instead of \$1,000 for the Contractual side. Building Personal Services, we budgeted \$500 we spent \$1,063, our Tentative Budget is \$1,000. Building Contractual Expenses, we are on a pace to spend more than we budgeted, the most significant factor of that is electricity. Last year's budget was \$22,000; we are holding it to the same this year \$22,000. Central Printing and Mailing, we had \$500 in our

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budget and now we bring it down to \$100. Central Data Processing, this is our computer people, I think there was some input from whomever about some additional computer purchases...

Supervisor Dellisanti advised Lisa gave us some input.

Councilman Ruso continued I think it was Lisa; we brought up from \$2,500 to \$3,500. Unallocated Insurance, it looks like we are going to come in about the same, our liability insurance, \$28,000 and we are budgeting the same for 2015. Municipal Association Dues, we budgeted \$1,000, our expenses have actually only been \$900 even though our budget was \$1,100, so we brought our budget down by \$100. Other General Government Support, \$5,000 down to \$1,000. Education, we kept at \$1,000 that's for the different staff who go on seminars and the like. Public Safety Administration from \$600 to \$500. Police and Constable from \$17,000 to \$16,000. Traffic Control from \$1,200 to \$1,000. Control of Dogs Personal Service we kept at the same rate \$3,950. Control of Dogs Contractual Expenses, we kept the same at \$1,500. Safety Inspection Personal Services, we went from \$15,000 to \$12,000. Safety Inspection Contractual Expenses \$2,000 to \$2,000, kept that the same. Board of Health, we have a \$0 in there, went from \$500 to \$0. Registrar went from \$880 to \$0, we just went by what our expenses were for those two particular line items, we haven't had any expenses in either of them. Superintendent of Highways Personal Services \$53,530 and we are keeping that the same at \$53,530. His Contractual Expenses for Highway was \$100, it is up a little to \$136, so we made the budget \$200. Garage we budgeted \$13,000, we are over-budget, this again has a lot to do with electricity and utilities, so we bumped that up and made that \$2,000 higher for 2015. Street lighting, we kept that the same \$2,400. Veteran Services no changes \$700. Program for the Aged no change \$1,500. Economic Development we had \$100 in the budget, we haven't spent any of it, I don't know if there is any inclination to be spending any of that \$100, so we budgeted \$0 for that.

Supervisor Dellisanti commented Chris and I talked about that and he said he had done a breakfast or luncheon...

Councilman Norris answered a business breakfast

Supervisor Dellisanti advised that might be something we want to consider for 2015. I have a question mark next to that. Was that about the amount of money you spent was \$100?

Councilman Norris answered no we lowered it last year because the budget was tight. Normally the year before it was \$900, we didn't spend \$900, we spent about \$500 or \$550.

Councilman Ruso continued Recreation Administration Personal Services; we moved that from \$1,900 to \$2,000. Playgrounds Personal Services went \$500 to \$1,500. Playgrounds Equipment \$0. Playgrounds Contractual Expense \$3,000 for both years, we didn't change that at all. Youth Program Personal Services from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Youth Program Contractual Expenses \$350 to \$700. Historian Personal Services stays the same at \$1,560. Historian Contractual Expense goes from \$100 to \$50. Cultural Programs from \$1,500 to \$1,600, and that's only because that resembles our spending pattern, we ended up spending \$1,588 so we rounded it off to \$1,600. Zoning Board of Appeals \$1,900 for both years, no change. Clerk \$1,800, no change. Zoning Contractual Expenses, we went to \$200 to \$50. Board Members \$6,900 each year, no changes. Clerk goes from \$12,000 to \$10,000. I see someone wrote in here \$11,000.

Supervisor Dellisanti and Councilwoman VanEtten said we talked about changing this to \$11,000.

Councilwoman VanEtten added but she's on course to spend \$10,000.

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Councilman Ruso proceeded that's why we had that; the spending pattern for that line item was coming in close to \$10,000. Planning Contractual Expenses \$400 to \$300. Refuse and Garbage Personal Services from \$8,300 to \$4,000. Refuse and Garbage Contractual Expenses \$3,900 to \$3,600. State Retirement had gone up from \$33,515 to \$36,588.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained that may change again, they still haven't gotten the complete numbers, the original letter said \$10,000, and that's split between the departments, so may change again.

Councilman Ruso reported Bonnie's estimate is in there. Bonnie suggested that 40% of all the personnel-related cost are with the Town General and 60% are with the Highway, so it is her estimate is where we come up with that. We will see a similar increase in the Highway. Social Security \$21,720, \$20,733. Workers' Compensation, we received notice just in the past week or two weeks roughly of an increase of 22% in our Workers' Comp rates. It goes from \$11,800 to \$14,600.

Supervisor Dellisanti added and we haven't had a claim in over 3 years.

Councilman Ruso clarified 7 years.

Supervisor Dellisanti said 7 years, I'm sorry.

Councilman Ruso continued Disability Insurance we raised \$50 only because we came in at \$644 from \$600, so our new budget is \$650. Hospital and Medical Insurance is an increase of \$7,000 from \$73,000 to \$80,000. Erin is going to have our final figures rather soon, but those that were here that night she was here, this corresponds with her estimates. Interfund Highway Transfer from \$64,000 to \$26,500, that's to the Highway Department. Interfund Transfer to Parks \$0. It comes up to an operating deficit of \$20,000 which we will be using from the Appropriated Fund Balance, in essence from our Reserved Fund, \$20,000 to make up for the difference between earnings and costs. Our costs as I said are \$20,000 more than our income, so we are going to have to hit up the Fund Balance which I am not a fan of. We haven't received our figures from the Special Districts yet, they are supposed to have them to us. Nick, you were talking to them today or yesterday

Supervisor Dellisanti explained they are having their meeting on the 21st, Public Hearing.

Councilman Ruso asked that's both districts?

Supervisor Dellisanti clarified that's New Baltimore, I don't know when Medway is having theirs. I haven't gotten a response.

Councilman Ruso explained we haven't received the figures to put in.

Councilman Norris said next Monday it was in the paper. They didn't send you the Tentative Budget though?

Supervisor Dellisanti responded no, Bonnie asked for it and I asked and we didn't get it yet.

Councilman Ruso continued for the Highway, let's go to the income side, the budget from last year was \$764,602, we raised that to \$771,561. The PILOT is kept the same at \$28,000. Interest and Earnings we raised that to \$1,100 from \$1,000. Consolidated Highway Aid, we had \$142,300 and we had anticipated putting the same figure in, but the check we got was \$139,700, is that right Nick?

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Supervisor Dellisanti responded \$139,800.

Councilman Ruso pointed out \$139,800. So we reduced ours, because we are supposed to estimate roughly, I know we talked about that with Denis, but it went down a little by \$1,200.

Highway Superintendent Jordan responded we will get the balance because I have to turn in the culverts.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked so on top of the \$139, they will still give us the \$3,000 on top of that. So we will put back in the \$142,300.

Councilman Ruso commented we didn't know that. Interfund Transfers, we went from \$64,172 to \$26,500. Let's look at the Expense side. The General Repair Personal Services for the staff, we kept that the same \$214,241, did we just round that off that \$241 because the next one is \$214,000, so it is a difference of \$241.

Supervisor Dellisanti clarified that's what I got from Bonnie.

Councilman Ruso thought we just rounded that off to the nearest.

Supervisor Dellisanti advised I will put the \$241 in that box.

Councilman Ruso added General Repair Contractual Expenses went from \$201 to \$195 and CHIPS, we had \$142,000 to \$140,000, we discussed that already. Machinery and Equipment, we went over this with Denis and we have a \$0 in there, is that right Denis? It has been \$0 for three years straight, except we did have some actual costs in 2013, but we budgeted \$0 2013-2014. We kept that budget the same. Machinery Contractual Expense, this is one we discussed, \$98,000 to \$85,000. Brush and Weeds, we had \$2,000 in there last year and we have a \$0 because we folded it into other accounts. Snow Removal Personal Service \$73,023 to \$50,000. By the way, believe it or not, the Snow Removal Personal Services, we have spent \$20,000 so far this year out of the \$73,000 which doesn't make perfect sense to me. At this point, in October we are \$50,000 under budget in that line item. We have a little bit of winter left though. State Retirement from \$52,800 to \$55,000. Social Security \$21,758 to \$20,169. Workers' Comp., I told you about the raise, this is the other part of it, the increase rather, from \$5,950 to \$7,005. Disability Insurance, I think we have to put something in there.

Supervisor Dellisanti added we didn't get that number from Bonnie.

Councilman Ruso advised we are waiting for that number. We had \$550, but it will probably be the same, it has been the same budget for the last three years. Hospital and Medical Insurance, this is the one that hurts, it goes from \$87,200 to \$112,000, an increase of \$25,000. Uniforms we kept the same at \$6,900. Serial Bonds Interest that is locked into place at \$24,500 and the principle and interest is locked into place, the interest is \$2,560. Now we are going on to the Sewer Fund. The final budget for Sewer Rents District 1 is \$147,634, the actual is \$100,000 through September 14, estimated that to come in about \$140,000 so we budgeted instead \$142,876. Sewer Penalties and Interest, that seems to have a bit of an increase so we were told, goes from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Interest and Earnings would go from \$100 to \$200. Total Cost for District 1 would be \$146,076. District 2 Sewer, this is just that little tiny district, Real Property Tax is \$1,410 and we have that increased to \$1,590. Sewer Rents is \$220 and we kept that the same for next year and Sewer Charges is \$2,600 and we kept that the same for next year at \$2,600. The price actually came in at \$2,587 so it is only off by \$13. That was the income side. The expense side for District 1, Sewer Administration is \$10,000, kept that the same. Sewage Treatment Personal Services, we kept that the same at \$32,600. Sewage Treatment Equipment we went from \$5,000 to \$0. Sewage Treatment Contractual Expense from

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\$29,000 to \$30,000. State Retirement stayed the same a \$5,000. Social Security stayed the same at \$24,094. Workers' Comp went up, part of all the workers' comp, but this is a small rise, went from \$298 to \$740. Disability insurance went from \$100 to \$0; we are waiting for Bonnie on that. Debt Service Principal \$52,100 stays the same each year. Debt Service Interest \$13,142 and that remains the same in 2015. District 2 Administration, the budget was \$220 and we have \$400. Sewage Treatment Contractual Expense, we kept that the same at \$4,010. Total expenses from 2014 to 2015 we have budgeted \$153,964, our actual is a great deal higher when you think about the installation, and our budget for next year will be \$150,486, a difference of \$3,500. Water Fund, District 1, we are going to have some problems with District 2, our budget last year was \$1,000 and we kept that the same. Water Fund District 2, Scheller Park District, water rents we have \$18,000 and we have the same for 2015. Penalties and Interest is \$110, next year \$100. Total income is \$18,100 for 2015 compared to \$18,110, so we are coming down by \$10. District 3 that remains the same at \$1,300. I have to look at the expense side on the water. District 1 income and expenses are budgeted to be exactly equal \$1,000 total are expected expenses, that's the same as last year. District 2 is \$18,100 expenses, that the \$10 difference again, \$18,110; District 3 is \$1,300 is our final budget for 2015. Lighting, this actually brings up something and there are some changes that have to be made to the overall budget on this. Bonnie and I had a conversation on Friday. District 1 2014 Budget was \$21,000, 2015 we are budgeting \$22,000. District 2 Budget was \$2,100, 2015 is \$2,100. The columns are off on this aren't they; I'm trying to follow the columns somehow or another....where is the final budget for 2014. Do you see a column, I don't.

Supervisor Dellisanti responded I see actual.

Councilwoman VanEtten added actual, I don't see any final.

Supervisor Dellisanti commented it doesn't have what came in.

Councilman Ruso explained there is a \$2,000 problem with the Lighting District. Apparently it was made up for, Bonnie told me this was the conversation last year at budget time, where the Lighting District owed the General Fund \$2,000 or in that range and we increased the rates to make up for that \$2,000 so the Lighting District can pay back the General because by Code it is supposed to be paid off in one year. The only problem is with the increase in the lighting and electrical costs there is no money to be had so we are going to have to raise that again by \$2,000 which has an impact on our tax cap and it will have to come from somewhere. So the money for 2014 to pay the Town back isn't there, wish to say is was, we are going to be slightly over, but that is all based on the increase in electricity that was not anticipated.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked is that for both for District 1 and 2 or just District 1?

Councilman Ruso explained District 1 is the one that owes us the money; District 2 doesn't owe us the money. So we have to increase that again by \$2,000, like you tried to do last year, but you didn't know that the rates were going to increase to the point that they did. Ambulance District, Nick, I am going to ask you to read this.

Supervisor Dellisanti reported District 1, the final budget in 2014 was \$27,100 and we are in the Tentative Budget \$ 26,975, so we are right in the same ballpark. Interest and Earnings, they had \$100 budgeted in 2014, we've actually taken in \$20.84, so we put in \$25. Insurance reimbursements, the budget was \$3,000 and we've taken in \$2,934 so we anticipate \$3,500 for 2015. Real property taxes in District 2 is \$31,900 down a little from \$33,000 in 2014. The expense side, Ravenna which is District 1, is holding their line again for this year at \$23,300. Advanced Life Support in 2014, we spent \$12,576. As of today in September, we actually spent \$12,379, so we are going to keep it around \$12,200. There was a reduction from the Greene County EMS. District 2 the Basic Ambulance District 2 is \$25,000 for 2015; the actual spent in 2013 was \$36,271. Apparently Chris and I talked about this, there was a shortfall back in 2008

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that they can't seem to catch up with, this is Cocksackie. Advanced Life Support, the final budget in 2014 was \$7,074 and we are budgeting \$6,900 based on the figures we received from Greene County EMS. We are not in bad shape there, but the numbers are huge for ambulance service in both districts, \$67,400 we are anticipating.

Councilman Ruso asked which district is bigger, in terms of population?

Councilwoman VanEtten replied I would say Cocksackie.

Supervisor Dellisanti responded I don't know, I know we have 3,370 total, but I just don't know the breakdown between Cocksackie and Ravena. Do you know? The population between the two ambulance districts?

Councilman Norris asked our districts?

Supervisor Dellisanti said the breakdown.

Councilwoman VanEtten thought Cocksackie could be bigger but I could be wrong.

Councilman Norris asked are you talking about our Ambulance Districts within the Town? We have two districts.

Councilman Ruso answered right, which one has the greatest population?

Councilman Norris said I believe District 1 does, that's the Hamlet.

Councilman Ruso added the density down there is higher.

Supervisor Dellisanti pointed out they have a lot more runs too.

Councilman Norris continued District 2 runs pretty much from 9W all the way to the western part of Town, I guess you could ask Gordon for the breakdown, but it is not off too much, maybe 1,700 to 1,300 somewhere in that range. Hamlet and that side has a little bit more.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained they have twice the runs that District 1 has; Ravena has twice the amount of runs that Cocksackie has. What else do you want to add to this?

Councilman Norris added one thing is if Cocksackie doesn't turn out and Greenville comes in, you might have to factor that in too.

Councilman Ruso asked we get charges from Greenville?

Councilwoman VanEtten advised Cocksackie must pay for it.

Councilman Norris answered yes, they probably have a mutual aid agreement.

Supervisor Dellisanti added between Cocksackie and Greenville.

Councilman Norris pointed out Greenville at the present time is volunteer, but they are moving toward paid.

Supervisor Dellisanti commented we never got anything in writing from Greenville, that's why I was asking.

Councilman Ruso explained what I liked about Ravena, is the billing. They give us reimbursement or a bit back and we don't get that from Cocksackie

Councilman Norris reported Barb and I went and had a meeting with the Town Supervisor trying to get a contract, what was that like two years ago? We thought we got one, but still don't have one.

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Supervisor Dellisanti commented I don't have one now.

Councilman Norris said I don't know what the holdup is.

Councilman Ruso added Ravena's accounting breakdown is much clearer in terms of their expenses and Coxsackie says there's the price, that's about it, they don't give you any detail.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained Ravena has given us almost \$3,000 in revenue.

Councilman Ruso said revenue sharing.

Supervisor Dellisanti continued which is great and they kept their price the same as the last two years which is also nice.

Councilman Ruso proceeded shall we talk about what is coming up here in the future? I will just read this from the Comptroller's Office. Revision of Tentative Budget by Town Board has to be done prior to publication of the Notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget. So I think that this Workshop gives all of us an opportunity and gives other places an opportunity to send us their final figures and of the like, whether it is from the workers' comp thing or different prices we have been discovering in the last few days. At least 5 days prior to the Hearing, we have to have a Notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget. Public Hearing, it says Thursday following the General Election, may be adjourned but not beyond November 15. I don't remember it being on Thursday in times gone by, has it been?

Councilman Norris said we usually had it before a meeting.

Councilwoman Benway added before a meeting.

Supervisor Dellisanti asked which in November is what the 10th.

Councilman Ruso continued it is up to us I guess.

Councilwoman VanEtten said we can adjourn it up to the 15th.

Councilman Ruso added we can adjourn to the meeting of the 10th of November if we wish. Final revision of Preliminary Budget is after the Public Hearing, but prior to final adoption. Adoption of the budget has to be no later than November 20.

Supervisor Dellisanti clarified that's the Final Budget.

Councilman Ruso explained yes, adopting of the budget, according to Section 109 of the General Municipal Law. So do we want to set any days, do we want to do that Thursday or do we want to do it the following Monday, what would you like to do?

Supervisor Dellisanti asked do we need another Workshop? Do you want to have time to digest some of the numbers we went over tonight and we can have another Workshop prior to the Work Meeting?

Councilman Norris asked the 27?

Supervisor Dellisanti answered the 27th is the next Work Meeting.

Councilwoman VanEtten added this is Tentative too so it can be changed.

Supervisor Dellisanti said this can be changed, yes it is Tentative.

Councilman Ruso said of course and it will remain Tentative until the next Workshop meeting. I think that we want to just talk about the general point of this whole thing, it really isn't that important, I think we have a few significant holes in the budget and that is the reimbursement, the earnings or whatever you want to call it, from the Courts, where we had to decrease that by

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\$30,000, our increase in health insurance by \$37,000, that's \$67,000 right there. Salt, we just got that in the past few days, that's an increase of, did you figure out the increase yet Denis?

Highway Superintendent Jordan responded 29%.

Councilman Ruso asked 29% of what?

Highway Superintendent Jordan answered it was \$48.43 now it is \$62 a ton, so its \$14 and change.

Councilman Ruso asked how many tons did we buy last year, you don't know what next year will be?

Highway Superintendent Jordan reported exactly but I put in for 1,000 tons, we used 960 last year.

Councilman Ruso advised that's \$17,000.

Highway Superintendent Jordan said \$23,000 more if we want the same amount.

Councilman Ruso agreed so there's another \$23,000 we have to find as well as a few other hidden things here and there, these things are down but that price is up, electricity we will see where it goes.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained as most everybody knows we have approved a number of resolutions saving nickels and dimes whether it was propane or gasoline or we piggybacked off of every county or state contract that we could to try to save us as much money as we can and we are still coming up short with all these increases in health insurance, state pension funds, and the cost of salt. So what would you like to do, would you like to digest these numbers and have another Workshop on the 27th prior to a Board Meeting?

Councilwoman Benway said we can do that, do you want to do 6:00 again?

Supervisor Dellisanti answered I think that would be good. Can we make a motion to do that? Motion by Councilwoman Benway seconded by Councilman Ruso to have a tentative Workshop on November 27th prior to the Town Board Meeting at 6 PM start, we will reconvene then and finalize the Tentative into the Preliminary Budget.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Councilman Norris said one quick question, the Tentative Budget for the Real Estate Tax, that first line, you said that was the tax cap number...

Supervisor Dellisanti explained we hope that is the tax cap number.

Councilman Norris asked how did you get that figure?

Supervisor Dellisanti said we got that from Bonnie. Jeff is in the process of contacting Bonnie.

Councilman Ruso advised I think it is going to be off by that \$2,000 that I explained about in the Lighting.

Supervisor Dellisanti added the long term lighting.

Councilman Ruso pointed out it is going to have to be adjusted by that.

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Councilman Norris said I know in the prior years, it is a formula isn't it?

Councilman Ruso answered yes.

Supervisor Dellisanti responded she has the formula, I don't have the formula.

Councilman Ruso advised our plan is not to exceed the cap.

Supervisor Dellisanti we want to keep it below the cap as much as we possibly can

Councilman Ruso explained that \$308,000 is going to have to come down by approximately \$2,000, down to \$306,000 because of the Lighting District.

Supervisor Dellisanti added Street Lighting was \$2,000

Councilman Norris said that was only a \$1,000 increase.

Councilman Ruso explained she said the balance that is owed is \$1,900.

Councilman Norris added you only raised the budget by \$1,000, did you want to raise it to \$2,000?

Councilman Ruso advised I just talked to her on Friday, I don't think these figures reflect that.

Supervisor Dellisanti added we didn't change that.

Councilman Ruso clarified this was published before our conversation, that's another \$2,000 unfortunately.

Councilman Norris continued on top of what it already is here.

Councilman Ruso proceeded the tax for the Lighting District falls under what we would get under the cap, so you get \$2,000 here but you come down \$2,000 there, so basically it doesn't help us out any and the people in the Lighting District are going to find an increase. Basically we have to pay that off, it is supposed to be paid in one year and it is been more than a year.

Ellie Alfeld asked if she could ask a question about this or not?

Councilwoman VanEtten answered I think you are supposed to wait until the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Dellisanti explained we can't do at this meeting, this is just a Workshop. You can send us a note if you like and we will take a look at it.

Councilman Norris said the other question I have, in prior Tentative Budgets, we usually get into more detail, but there usually is the impact to the taxpayer as to the rate per \$100,000. Has that been figured out yet?

Supervisor Dellisanti answered I'm still awaiting that from Gordon Bennett actually. He said he was going to give us that number. He gave me a number that doesn't make sense with the numbers that we received from Bonnie so he has to give us the cost per \$100,000. There is supposed to be an advertisement in the paper for the Workshop.

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On a Motion from Councilwoman VanEtten seconded by Councilman Ruso, the Workshop was closed at 6:52 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Benway, Norris, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk