

VILLAGE OF NORTH HORNELL
BUDGET WORKSHOP
February 11, 2021 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: John Falci
Trustees: Joseph Ingalls, Trustee Joseph Flint, Trustee Richard Head
Trustee Joshua Greenthal Absent
Clerk Vanessa Scott
Treasurer Kristene Libordi

Treasurer Kristene Libordi reviewed, with the board, the tax rate schedule and how to get the budget to reflect as little of an increase as possible but still understanding that taxes may need to be raised. She reported she is still waiting to hear from Steuben County and the City of Hornell as far as the revenue sharing amounts. She reported she had a “ball park figure” for the assessed value of the Village of North Hornell. It came in at this time at \$40,490,953.

At this time, Mayor Falci asked the board to go through the accounts line by line to find areas that could be cut or at least request less in some areas.

It was discussed that department heads may need to look at bringing their proposals down 10%. The board discussed this more at this time. Trustee Head recommends asking the departments to do the 10% less and see what they come up with on their own. If they are unable to cut it to where the board thinks it needs to be then the board will make the cuts at that time. Trustee Richard Head would like to give the department heads the chance to make the cuts before the board does it.

Treasurer Kristene Libordi told the board that they need to start considering rebuilding the Reserve Accounts. She went line by line in this area and reported the amounts in those mentioned line items. The board discussed this and made no decisions at this time.

Treasurer Kris Libordi reported that the Village’s Fund Balance is in good standing at this time but reminded the board that the Village doesn’t receive the PILOT funds anymore so this will make a difference in the future.

Trustee Flint asked if the board should propose a “spending freeze” until the end of the year. The board discussed this but no final decision was made at this time.

The Village Procurement Policy was discussed again.

Mayor Falci told the board the proposed “spending freeze” will be discussed further at the March 2021 Meeting.

The board discussed the donation to the Library in the City of Hornell and decided to cut this line item completely out of the budget at this time. They discussed the donation to the Humane Society and agreed to continue with this donation for the current budget.

Budget portion of this meeting was complete at this time.

Other items discussed:

Mayor Falci reminded the board about the file cabinet needed in the Clerk’s office. The board discussed the 3 quotes presented by Clerk Scott at the previous monthly meeting and agreed to move forward with this purchase.

Mayor Falci motioned to go with the file cabinet from Northeast Office Supply, seconded by Trustee Richard Head and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Absent
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Aye
Trustee Flint	Aye		

The board also discussed the need to start looking into a different Attorney and possibly specifically a Municipal Attorney for the Village. The current Attorney, Eric Shults has announced his plan to retire at the end of the year, respectively. The board mentioned a few other Attorney names to look in to but no decision was made at this time. Trustee Ingalls said he will contact other municipalities and go on line to check prices for other Attorney's in this field.

Mayor John Falci told the board he would contact Fire Chief Mike Robbins to look at his budget and make cuts where he thinks he can and re-submit it to the board for further review.

The next budget meeting will be Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:00pm. Trustee Richard Head informed the board he would not be available for this evening's meeting.

North Hornell Police Department start up cost was discussed. Trustee Joseph Flint wanted to make sure that the precedent would not be set that the board would agree to the cost of \$5,000 every year to have the police department running. This was discussed and the understanding is that this amount would be reviewed each year and it would be less some years due to less new items being needed depending on the officers that stay on with the department and if new hires come along. This would all be reviewed by the board and approved at that time.

RESOLUTION 9-2021 - BUDGETARY RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered by Mayor John Falci, seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls to accept the initial start up cost of the North Hornell Police Department in the amount of \$4,476.00.

	Aye	Nay
Mayor Falci	X	
Trustee Ingalls	X	
Trustee Greenthal	Absent	
Trustee Flint	X	
Trustee Head	X	

RESOLUTION 10-2021 - BUDGETARY RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered by Mayor John Falci, seconded by Trustee Richard Head to move \$2,000 from A1990.4 Contingency Account to A3120.4 Police Account to cover expenses.

	Aye	Nay
Mayor Falci	X	
Trustee Ingalls	X	
Trustee Greenthal	Absent	
Trustee Flint	X	
Trustee Head	X	

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Scott
Village Clerk