

**BUDGET WORKSHOP  
VILLAGE OF NORTH HORSELL  
MARCH 14, 2022 7:00 PM**

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**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor: John Falci  
Trustees: Joseph Ingalls, Joshua Greenthal, Joseph Flint, Richard Head  
Clerk Vanessa Scott  
Treasurer Kristene Libordi  
Superintendent Richard Scavo  
Police Chief/OIC Kyle Amidon  
Fire Chief Mike Robbins

Mayor John Falci discussed the color-coded tax rate hand out with the Board of Trustees.

The board had a discussion about the Tax Cap override.

Treasurer Kristene Libordi told the board that when she talked to the Comptroller's Office, they told her to do the budget on what the Village needs to run the Village, not by the Tax Cap.

The Board was provided with 3 scenarios for the upcoming budget. Mayor Falci told the Board Members they will need to make a decision on which scenario they want to move forward with.

OIC/Police Chief Kyle Amidon discussed portions of his proposed budget with the Board. He mentioned the police car, continued issues with it and the future need to replace it. He shared information that he obtained for a new Ford Explorer vs. used. A new Ford Explorer at this time would cost \$35,240.00 and could be financed through Ford over 3 years. The board discussed this and no final decision was made on this at this time. Other items were discussed at this time, line items were discussed and no final decision was made at this time on the Police proposed budget.

Fire Chief Mike Robbins started going through his proposed Fire Department budget. Trustee Rich Head asked Chief Robbins if there was anything that he could think of that could be cut from his budget right off the start. Turn out gear will not be purchased until he knows if the Grant they submitted was accepted or not. The board and Chief talked about the \$5,000 in the budget for a training course. After a short discussion, the board asked Fire Chief Robbins to ask the Fire Company if they would pay half of the training with the understanding that the Village would pay half each year and the Fire Company would have to plan to pay the other half each year as well. Chief Robbins said he would present this to his board and report back.

Chief Robbins presented more information on the Ladder Truck that the Fire Company presented information on months ago. He informed the board the Fire Company found a pumper that would suffice as replacement for E18 and is \$300,000.00 less than the new ladder truck they were looking for earlier in the year. There is a company looking to purchase E18 and is interested in purchasing it for between \$50,000.00 and \$60,000.00.

The board further discussed the fire truck situation but no final decisions were made at this time.

Trustee Kristene Libordi asked the board about the possibility of paying off the \$20,000.00 still owed on the Seneca Street property. This would save the Village interest and that money could be put toward building reserve accounts.

The board discussed this proposition but asked for the \$20,000.00 to be left in the budget at this time.

The board discussed the 3 presented scenarios and agreed to go with scenario "A".

They also discussed the possibility of hopefully being considered for grant money that Assemblywoman Marjorie Byrnes may have available per a letter received in reference to this.

The board will meet again on March 21, 2022 for one more budget workshop before scheduling a Budget Hearing on April 4<sup>th</sup>. This will allow Treasurer Kristene Libordi time to finish work needed to finish and submit the budget on time.

Next meetings scheduled:

March 17, 2022 – Budget Public Hearing to override the Tax Cap

March 21, 2022 – Budget Workshop

April 4, 2022 – Budget Hearing

April 18, 2022 – Organizational/Monthly Meeting/Adoption of the Budget

The board all agreed at this time to return to the original proposed budget.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Scott  
Village Clerk