

**BUDGET WORKSHOP  
VILLAGE OF NORTH HORSELL  
MARCH 7, 2022 6:00 PM**

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

Treasurer discussed 3 scenarios with the board and presented information in reference to the Tax Cap.

The board discussed the employee request for a 4% increase in wages. Treasurer had 2% and 3% wage increase in each scenario presented to the board.

No final decisions were made on any of the above at this time.

Superintendent Richard Scavo told the board that the dump truck that needs to be replaced needs to have the stainless-steel box in order to use the CHIPS money towards payment. Cost of the dump truck with the stainless-steel box comes in at a quote of \$105,000.00. At this time, Superintendent Scavo placed a call to Dawn Sutfin, DOT representative, and she confirmed the information. She also stated that with the stainless-steel bed it makes it a 10-year replacement vehicle allowing for the use of CHIPS as requested. She informed the board that the Village would have to pay upfront for the vehicle and reimbursement from the CHIPS fund would be done all at once. A copy of the paid invoice and a copy of the cancelled check would need to be submitted and the next reimbursements will be released in May 2022. Superintendent Scavo informed the board that if they ordered the truck in the next couple of days it would be guaranteed to arrive by the end of the year.

Superintendent Scavo told the board he doesn't want to see the entire CHIPS money depleted. He said some of it should be saved toward road repairs throughout the village. He reminded the board that unused CHIPS money can be rolled over year to year.

Line item A1620.4 was discussed and the committee agreed to remove \$1,000 from the buildings line item. It was also agreed that \$1,600.00 would be removed from the buildings line item and moved to the Clerk's budget to allow the Clerk to be responsible for signing for the number of copies being printed from the copier in her office.

Mayor John Falci asked Superintendent Scavo what his plan was as far as staying on as the Village DPW Superintendent. Superintendent Rich Scavo told the board the he would like to possibly be retired by June 1, 2022 but nothing is definite at this time. Mayor Falci asked if he would be interested in staying on as part time to do paperwork and other work as needed. This was discussed in short and nothing was decided at this time.

Superintendent Rich Scavo asked the board to inform him if there are other line items in his budget that get money cut out of it ahead of time, before the budget is approved. The board agreed to let him know if other cuts are made.

After lengthy discussion about other line items, the tax cap, etc., Mayor John Falci told the board that the original presentation that was handed out at a the 2-22-2022 meeting would be the one that will be worked from today forward.

Treasurer Kristene Libordi will work above the tax cap, present the board with the updated information via email and it will be discussed at the next budget workshop.

Superintendent Scavo informed the board that the price of the dump truck was only guaranteed until the end of February, 2022 but he was able to convince them to extend it until the first part of March. If the board doesn't act on the current price, it could go up.

After further discussion, the board agreed it was better to move forward now with ordering the dump truck at the current price.

The board reviewed other areas of the budget. Questions came up about the Fire Department's request for Turn-out gear. Further discussion about a grant they recently submitted for new Turn-out gear for the entire department therefore, the board agrees to remove this amount from the current budget request and put that amount of money in the reserve for the Fire Department to use if the need arises.

Employee raises were discussed and no agreement was made at this time. The police department is asking for \$1.00 an hour raise while the other Village employees are asking for a 4%.

Village Clerk Vanessa Scott will inquire with NYCOM the legality of contacting local dealerships for donations and will report back to the board when she has the information.

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