

Budget Workshop Minutes

The Town Board of Kingsbury conducted a Budget Workshop on October 13, 2022, at the Kingsbury Town Hall, 6 Michigan Street.

PRESENT: Dana Hogan Supervisor
Richard Doyle, Deputy Supervisor
William Haessly, Councilman
James Lindsay, Councilman
Dan Washburn, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Pomainville, Comptroller
Michael Graham, Highway Superintendent
Todd Humiston, Code Enforcement & Dog Control Officer

The Budget Workshop began at 6:30 pm. The Board discussed the request from the Kingsbury Volunteer Hose Co. for an additional \$125,000.00 to their 2023 contract for the purchase of a new fire truck. Councilman Lindsay would like the fire department to have a Capital Project Budget and an operational budget in the future.

After discussion the Board agreed to use \$125,000.00 of ARPA Funds for the Kingsbury Volunteer Hose Co. to go towards the purchase a new fire truck.

Superintendent Graham has requested \$100,000.0 for a new backhoe; the current backhoe is a 1994 model and is not safe to drive on the road. The Comptroller stated the equipment reserve will not be used to make the purchase of the backhoe. The Board has no objection.

The Highway Superintendent discussed the need for a new truck in 2024; to get a truck, you need a board resolution or a letter of intent to the truck manufacturers to get a spot in line to wait for one, it could take up to 18 months. The Highway Superintendent is not looking for action at this meeting regarding a new truck.

The Board discussed increases in salaries for Town employees.

The Town Board and the Supervisor will remain at their current rate of pay.

The Town Highway employees will receive a 5% increase and \$.50 per hour.

Superintendent Graham and Water Superintendent Reynolds will receive an additional \$2,000 per year for conducting water readings on weekends.

Comptroller Pomainville, Code Enforcements Officers Humiston and Cortese will receive increases due additional work due to the retirement of the Confidential Secretary/Planning & Zoning Clerk.

Code Enforcement Officer Humiston recommended Code Enforcement Officer Cortese would like a \$3.00 an hour increase. After discussion the Board agreed to \$27.00 per hour.

The Comptroller and the Code Enforcement Officer will receive an additional \$2,500.00 in their salary.

Part-time employees will receive a 5% increase in their salaries.

The Court Officer was increased from \$13.80 per hour to \$15.00 per hour.

The Comptroller would like to work on a multi-year plan that would include setting up the proper reserves. She would like to hire a CPA to set up the plan, then she would be able to keep it up to date, this will be included in next year's budget planning.

The Comptroller suggested the budget include the following using ARPA funds:

\$12,000.00 for website design

\$6,000.00 for the sealing and striping of 3 parking lots

Up to \$10,000.00 for painting in the common areas of Town Hall.

The workshop was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Bardin, Town Clerk