

MINUTES
Budget Work Session
September 19th, 2023
1PM

Present: Councilman Pfeiffer, Councilman Strader, Councilman Lotz

Absent: Supervisor Trout and Councilman Thomas

Also Present: Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull, Assessor James Cleere, Real Property Tax Aide, Alison Messecar, and Account Clerk Kim Hendrickson.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilman Pfeiffer explained that the purpose of this budget meeting is to set the salaries for the year 2024.

Assessor Cleere spoke about a few computer permit programs. Williamson Law first year \$6,656.00 to buy it with annual support costing \$2,770.00. The County uses a program that costs \$5,700.00 for the first year which includes \$2,000.00 extra for training and set up and \$3,700 every year after that. There was a discussion, and it was suggested that the assessor's budget line item be raised for this purpose.

There was much discussion among the Board and the Highway Superintendent about their salaries and they all agreed that their salaries will remain the same for 2024.

There was discussion among the Board, and it was decided to increase the Deputy Town Clerk hourly rate from \$15.91 to \$16.50.

There was discussion among the Board and the following decisions were made to approve 3% salary increases for the following positions in 2024.

The Town Clerk, Registrar, Supervisor's Secretary, Real Property Tax Aide, Tax Collector and Account Clerk

There was discussion among the Board, and it was decided to increase the Assessor's salary by 3%.

There were discussions about cell phones. Highway Superintendent Joe Mull explained the pros and cons. No decision was made.

There was discussion but no action was taken on the following positions:

Town Justice, Court Clerk, Highway Department, Town Attorney, Dog Control Officer, Town Tax Aide

New health care rates were presented by the Real Property Tax Aide. There was discussion and Councilman Pfeiffer stated that Health Insurance will be discussed in depth at the next meeting.

There was discussion among the Board, and it was decided on an hourly increase from \$21.12 to \$25.00 for Board of Assessment Review Members, Boise, Suffredini, and Altimari.

There was discussion among the Board, and it was decided not to increase the salaries for the year 2024 for the following positions:

Town Attorney, Dog Control Officer, Town Tax Aide, Zoning Board Members and Planning Board Members

There was discussion among the Board, and it was decided to increase the Account Clerk's PT Clerk hourly rate from \$15.91 to \$16.50.

There was discussion about equipment for the Highway Dept. Three quotes will need to be obtained. No decisions were made.

There was a discussion about the part time labor from April – September, but no decision was made.

Next Budget meeting will be held on October 3rd, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

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Waterloo Town Clerk

