

ULSTER TOWN BOARD 2014 BUDGET HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING
October 28, 2013 at 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 7 PM

THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCILWOMAN CRIS HENDRICK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOHN MORROW
SUPERVISOR JAMES QUIGLEY 3rd

2014 Town Budget Hearing

Supervisor Quigley gave an overview of the 2014 Town Budget.

Councilman Morrow moved to open the public hearing for the 2014 Town Budget at 7:07 PM
2nd by Councilman Kitchen

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilwoman Hendrick	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

CARRIED

Public Comment

Mr. Robert Crane recommended that retirement benefits for Medicare reimbursements be eliminated and Health benefits for part-time elected officials be eliminated.

Mr. Rocco Secreto inquired if each council member agrees with the \$1,000 increase and how much time the members put in. He was not in favor of the Town Board members receiving health benefits.

Mr. Robert Barton was not in favor of the elected officials' raises. He feels that all the raises should be based on merit.

Supervisor Quigley reported that the town can't move to a performance based system due to labor contracts. He felt that the elected officials' raises were not out of sync with what the employees were receiving.

Councilwomen Hendrick offered the following suggestions:

Reduce the payroll increases for elected officials in 2014 to 0% and give the remaining balance in 2015 once safety net is no longer in the budget. This will free up around 200K available for new expenditures.

No pay increases greater than 10%.

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Part time elected officials pay the difference from single to family for health insurance.

Remove payroll clerk \$12400 (Compensation is already paid for this position)

All appointed positions receive the same increase as union employees.

Remove Town Attorney and Town Planner from workshop meetings.

Harboring and euthanasia reduce to \$10K.

Change phone system to VOIP and save \$2500 per month or more (buy new phones next year with savings from safety net)

New hire for 2014 of Municipal Code officer reduce to \$40K.

Reduce assessor part-time clerk wage to \$10K.

A discussion followed after the suggestions.

Mr. Robert Crane suggested that the Town tax the budget to the full 2% and use the difference to build the town's reserves.

Councilman Morrow moved to close the budget hearing at 7:38 PM
2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilwoman Hendrick	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

CARRIED

Reschedule November 7, 2013 Town Board Meeting and Public Hearing for the fee schedule to Tuesday, November 12, 2013

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilwoman Hendrick	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

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Rolling Meadow Water Rate Adjust

Rolling Meadows Water rate from \$5.25 per 1000 gallons to \$3.15 per 1000 gallons effective for the January 1, 2014

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilwoman Hendrick	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

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Councilwoman Hendrick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM
2nd by Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilwoman Hendrick	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk