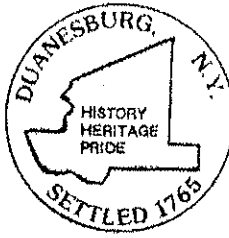


Roger Tidball, Town Supervisor
Jennifer Howe, Town Clerk
Brandy Fall, Deputy Town Clerk
William Reed, Highway Superintendent



John D. Ganther, Council Member
Charles Leoni, Council Member
Francis R. Potter, Council Member
Jeffrey Senecal, Council Member

Thursday October 24, 2019
Regular Town Board Meeting
Meeting Time: 7:00PM

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Tidball at 7:00PM

Present: Supervisor Tidball, Council Members Potter, Ganther, Leoni & Senecal, Town Clerk Jennifer Howe, Town Attorney Terresa Bakner, Highway Superintendent Reed

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing: The Preliminary Budget for the Town of Duanesburg for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020.

Supervisor Tidball read the public notice published in the Gazette.

Supervisor Tidball stated that there were a lot of things that went into doing the budget this year. We are looking to add 9 new computers this year to replace outdated equipment at approximately \$10,000. We will be using fund balance funds in our highway department to help purchase some equipment. At the end of the day we will not be exceeding the 2% tax cap. At first it had looked like we were going to and that is why we proposed the local law to exceed the tax cap just to be prepared in the event that we needed to. With some other cuts and final numbers received back from the fire departments and health insurance premium quotes we were able to keep it under. The Town tax will be a 3.12% increase and the highway tax will be a 2.54% increase. In 2019 were \$92.59 per \$100,000 and the 2020 proposed budget will be \$95.12 per \$100,000, which is a \$2.53 increase.

Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Senecal to open the floor for comments.

Motion carried, 3 ayes

Resident Bill Park of Maranatha Way would like to thank Supervisor Tidball for delivering the Annual Report to his office. He stated that he is not happy that we are not spending down more of the surplus. He mentioned that he received the Princetown newsletter, because he owns a building in Princetown noted in the newsletter from the Supervisor it states that the town board has been working on the 2020 budget and once again no town tax. He would like to see us work more closely to that. Mr. Park stated that he saw nothing in the annual report that referenced the \$300,000 loan from the general fund to the sewer district. He feels that should be included in case the current board members are no longer available to refer to. Mr. Park brought up some questions on our collateralization. Supervisor Tidball responded that he will look into it further.

Resident Tom Collins of Weast Road asked if we had a fund balance in the town and why we aren't using it. Supervisor Tidball responded with we think of it as a savings account in case something were to happen, the town would not need to go to a bank and borrow money to then pay additional interest fees. Mr. Collins would like to commend the board for having the public hearing notice put on the town website. Mr. Collins asked if the Supervisor's Office was fully staffed, since he noticed a drop in the bookkeeper salary, but noticed that a fiscal agent was added in. Supervisor Tidball responded with instead of having a full-time bookkeeper here we are using an outside source to handle all our Accounts Payable.

Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Leoni to close the floor for comments.

Motion carried, 5 ayes

Floor closed 7:12 P.M.

Resolution 135-19: Council Member Leoni motioned, seconded by Council Member Potter to approve the Town Board Meeting minutes of Thursday, October 10, 2019 with the amendment.

Motion carried, 3 ayes Council Members Ganther and Senecal abstained

Resolution 136-19: Council Member Potter motioned, seconded by Council Member Ganther to pay the following claims:

Motion carried, 5 ayes

Vouchers to be Paid September 12, 2019

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| General Fund: #314-320 | \$7,753.48 |
| SD#1: #140-146 | \$3,580.59 |
| SD#2: #155-160 | \$2,773.71 |
| SD#3: #106-111 | \$1089.20 |
| Highway: #173-183 | \$24,853.97 |
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| Total Vouchers to be Paid= | \$40,050.95 |

Highway: Council Member Potter reported that the last two weeks the guys have been out adjusting manhole covers, so the plows don't get destroyed. Highway Superintendent Reed stated that a young man was interviewed today for Motor Equipment Operator to fill a position being vacated by one of our retirees. Supervisor Tidball stated that we will be adding his appointment to the business meeting.

Public Safety: Council Member Leoni reported that there weren't any meetings. There is a need for volunteers in the ambulance corp and the fire districts. DVAC is holding a turkey dinner tomorrow. Council Member Ganther reported that Burtonsville sent out notices to everyone in their district notifying them of what fire district they live in and what to do in the event of an emergency.

Parks: Council Member Leoni reported that they have not had a meeting. Members are needed on the Park Commission.

Sewer District #1, 2 & 3: Council Member Senecal reported that there isn't too much going on. The sewer team did find another infiltration leak up near Mariaville Lake near one of the pump stations. Weather permitting, they were going to have it cleared up this week. Other than that, just standard maintenance issues. Supervisor Tidball reported that we are moving along on the closing for the Sewer District #3 financing.

Technology: Council Member Ganther reported that the next broadband meeting will be in December. He will get the exact date and announce it at the next meeting. Supervisor Tidball reported that we were still waiting on the final word to finish up one project on Mt. View and Arquette Way. Verizon has been running fiber optic near Eaton Corners. Millers Corners and Route 30.

Additional: Supervisor Tidball reported that he went to the village meeting the other night. The Village is in the early stages of looking into expanding and upgrading their water system to help the elementary school. They are developing a preliminary plan with their engineering group.

Business Meeting:

Resolution 137-19: Council Member Potter motioned, seconded by Council Member Ganther to amend the budget for the capital improvement repairs under the CHIPS and PAVE NY apportionment allowances.
Motion carried, 5 ayes

Resolution 138-19: Council Member Ganther motioned, seconded by Council Member Leoni to amend the budget for contractual expenses for repairs of vehicles and equipment belonging to the town.
Motion carried, 5 ayes

Resolution 139-19: Council Member Leoni motioned, seconded by Council Member Potter to Withdraw the proposed local law to exceed the tax cap for 2020.
Motion carried, 5 ayes

Resolution 140-19: Council Member Senecal motioned, seconded by Council Member Ganther to appoint Russell Maher to the board of Assessment Review for a term expiring on September 30, 2024.
Motion carried, 5 ayes

Resolution 141-19: Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Senecal to appoint Jon Woodworth as a Motorized Equipment Operator with a start date of November 4, 2019.
Motion carried, 5 ayes

Privilege of the Floor: Opened at 7:26 pm

Jane Weyers of Knight Rd. stated that after reviewing other local towns solar laws. She respectfully requests that the town out a moratorium on any future solar projects until the town can review the current solar law and strengthen it. Supervisor Tidball stated that the original solar law was done in 2016 and have since had one major solar farm completed. He invited all to attend the Comprehensive Plan Review meeting on November 21st at 5:30.

7:31

Cal Weyers of Knight Rd. wanted to let the board know that he is opposed to these renewable energy projects.

7:35

Michael Ciarfello of Arquette Way mentioned that he can't find a report anywhere that states how much energy goes into creating solar panels vs. what people are getting out of them.

7:37

Bill Park of Maranatha Way asked if the NYS Comptroller was done with the audit yet. Supervisor Tidball responded saying no they are still working on it. Mr. Park also stated they he is willing to bring to the next board meeting the reason why the residents would like to see a moratorium put on solar to the next town board meeting.

7:39

Floor Closed: 7:40 pm

Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Leoni to seek advice from counsel.
Motion carried, 5 ayes

Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Leoni to come out of executive session.
Motion carried, 5 ayes

Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Leoni to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried, 5 ayes

I, Jennifer Howe, Town Clerk of the Town of Duanesburg, so hereby certify that this is a true and accurate transcript of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday October 24, 2019 at the Duanesburg Town Hall, 5853 Western Turnpike, Duanesburg, New York 12056.

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF DUANESBURG**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Duanesburg, New York, will meet at the Town Offices of Duanesburg, 5853 Western Turnpike, on **Thursday, October 24, 2019** at **7:00 p.m.** for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the Preliminary Budget for 2020, and that any person may be heard in favor or against the items therein contained.

The Preliminary Budget for the Town of Duanesburg for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 5853 Western Turnpike, Duanesburg, New York, where it is available for inspection during regular office hours.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

Town Supervisor: \$21,140.00
Town Council-Member: \$7,025.00
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Town Clerk: \$44,619.00
Highway Superintendent: \$55,756.00

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF DUANESBURG**

Budget Amendment 10/24/19

1. Increase : 51122.04.200 DB Permanent Improvement \$ 116,018.02
 Increase: 3501.01 DB State Aid / CHIPS \$ 116,018.02

To amend the budget for the capital improvement road repairs under the CHIPS
and PAVE NY apportionment allowances

2. Increase : 51304.03.400 DA Machinery Contractual \$ 10,000.00
 Increase: 599.03 DA Fund Balance \$ 10,000.00

To amend the budget for contractual expenses for repairs of vehicles and
equipment belonging to the Town