

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

Called to order at 9:00am

PRESENT: Supervisor Fisher
Councilwoman Collier
Councilwoman Mullen

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Brockway, Peter Ives and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

2024 Budget Workshop

Supervisor Fisher: Brian is working with Askco Electric on a National Grid Grant Program to try and lower the street lighting costs to the Town by switching over to LED. Askco will do all the paperwork and the way it works is National Grid sends Askco a check and we would pay 20% of the cost.

Peter Ives:

General A Changes

- The Justice line increased \$8,500.00 due to the Clerk taking health insurance
- Insurance increased \$4,000.00
- State Retirement increased \$10,000.00
- This is the last year for the \$74,071.00 payment on the statutory loan that was taken to pay back the County
- We will start receiving approximately \$69,000.00 quarterly from the landfill solar project when it goes online which will be revenue for General A.

General B Changes

- Insurance increased \$1,000.00

DB Changes (Highway Account)

- \$35,000.00 added to machinery contractual for the new garbage truck
- State Retirement increased \$7,000.00
- Health Insurance increased \$4,000.00
- Plow Truck payment of \$49,443.00 will be paid off in 2026

**Special Water District #2
Changes**

- Property Taxes decreased \$1,000.00

Brian Brockway:

- We need to add \$5,000.00 in the water account for a trench box for water breaks
- I haven't heard back from Argyle regarding the bucket truck

Supervisor Fisher: Maybe we can put a bucket truck in the 2025 budget; we have a lot of uses for one.

- Brian will get pricing

The proposed total budget increase for 2024 is 1.006

2024 Budget Public Hearing will be held Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 6:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to adjourn the budget workshop at 9:50am **ALL AYES**

Dated: September 29, 2023

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk