

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 10:00AM**

Supervisor Middleton called the meeting to order at 10:00am

Pledge of Allegiance

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Middleton

Councilman Orsini

Councilman Mercier

Councilwoman Mullen

**ABSENT:** Councilman Fisher

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Brockway, Peter Ives and Gwendolyn Craig

**BUSINESS:**

**Bid Opening  
Roof Repairs  
118 Broadway and Fort Miller Barn**

The following bids were received:

**TKO Construction:**

Fort Miller - \$15,000.00

Town Hall - \$13,800.00

**NIMS:**

Fort Miller - \$16,700.00

Town Hall - \$18,200.00

**JOHN LESKO:**

Fort Miller - \$35,000.00

Town Hall - \$6,500.00 (Front Half without snow slides)

\$10,000.00 (Front Half with snow slides)

\$10,000.00 (Back Half with snow slides)

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to accept TKO Construction as low bidder **ALL AYES**

**2020 Budget Workshop**

**Peter Ives:** The budget is proposing a 1% increase. The 2019 tax figure was \$1,249,667.00 and the Tentative 2020 tax figure is \$1,263,841.00.

- We do not have an exact figure for the bond; we budgeted on the higher side so it may be lower.
- 2% raises for the employees except the Town Board and Highway Superintendent Brian Brockway.
- Assessor increased \$500.00
- Insurance increased \$4,000.00
- Beach and Pool decreased \$2,600.00 because it was over budgeted last year
- \$500.00 was added to celebrations for a Town wide Garage Sale
- State Retirement increased
- General Repairs increased \$50,000.00 for more roadwork
- Special Lighting increased \$4,350.00 due to an increase in National Grid Bill rates
- Next year will be the last payment of \$12,775.74 on the Statutory Installment Bond for Water District #2.

**Brian Brockway:** Pittsburgh Tank wants to do an inspection on the water tank.

**Supervisor Middleton:** Get a price for our October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Supervisor Middleton:** Lakes to Locks is requesting \$500.00 for their services regarding grant programs and visitor promotions for community revitalization and economic development.

**MOTION** by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to not engage the services of Lakes to Locks at this time **ALL AYES**

**Supervisor Middleton:** We have a proposal from Pest Pro Solutions, LLC for pest control for \$840.00/year; we currently use Orkin and pay \$1,163.88/year.

**MOTION** by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to engage the services of Pest Pro Solutions, LLC beginning January 1, 2020 **ALL AYES**

**Supervisor Middleton:** A 1% increase is approximately \$25,000.00; an increase of \$50,000.00 would have put us over the 2% cap. We purchased used trucks to replace the ones that were lost in the fire which saved a lot.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 10:20am **ALL AYES**

DATED: October 4, 2019

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

