

Town of Lewis

Lewis Town Hall

October 24, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Budget Workshop

Submission of Tentative 2024 Town Budget

Present: Counselors Lanita Canavan, Terry Pulsifer, John Blades, Steve Denton, Supervisor James Monty and Town Secretary Susie Ewald.

Public Present: Darren Dickerson, Phil Arsenault, Frank and Janice Rock.

Called to Order: The Budget Workshop was called to order by Supervisor Monty at 7 PM.

The 2024 Town Budget was presented. See attached proposed budget. Supervisor Monty gave an overview of the Tentative Budget for 2024.

4% raises for employees except for the Highway Department which the Town factored in. Anyone over 15 years they instituted a longevity step for full time employees as the highway crew is the lowest salary in Essex County. Needed to adjust their salaries accordingly and the longevity step will do that.

Ambulance - Tentative 2024 \$60,000.00 from \$50,750.00 in 2023. Supervisor Monty asked the Board what their thoughts were with the proposal. The Board agrees with the proposal. The ambulance is asking for \$155,000.00 for this coming year.

The Town no longer has to make a donation for Life Flight as they are no longer serving. Would have to use Life Net out of Ticonderoga and they are a for profit group.

Phil Arsenault asked about the Tourism line. Supervisor Monty stated it's basically a pass through. We put \$60,000.00 in it and we know we're getting \$60,000.00 back in revenue.

Interest and earnings show a big increase since the Town moved the money from Champlain National Bank into NYSCLASS.

The Town is tentatively raising the General Budget by \$219,327.00
Revenue has gone up to roughly \$340,000.00

As it tentatively stands, the projected Budget is at a 17% increase.

Supervisor Monty asked the Board for their thoughts or questions. There was no discussion.

Board will present the tentative budget as it stands to the public at a Public Hearing on November 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM. The Town will submit the preliminary budget at the Public Hearing.

Motion was made to adjourn budget workshop at 7:50 PM by Steve Denton and seconded by Lanita Canavan, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk