

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK
HELD AT BUTLER MEMORIAL HALL IN SAID TOWN
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015, AT 5:30 P.M.**

Town Supervisor Patrick Tyksinski called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The roll was then taken with the following Town Officials and Department Heads being present during the progress of the meeting.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilman James J. Messa
Councilman David M. Reynolds
Councilman Paul A. Miscione
Councilman Richard B. Woodland, Jr.
Supervisor Patrick M. Tyksinski

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Director of Finance Daniel Dreimiller
Town Attorney Herbert J. Cully
Town Clerk Gail Wolanin Young

Thereafter, a quorum was declared present for the transaction of business.

The Town Supervisor stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting is to approve a Preliminary Budget for 2016, after which it will be posted on the Town's website and be subject to a Public Hearing on November 4, 2015. At the Public Hearing anyone can speak for or against the budget. After the Hearing, the Town Board will vote to approve budget, or not.

Resident Ylva Cortright, a former member of the Library Board at the Point School, expressed her interest in the Library budget and inquired if she could submit her written comments via mail/e-mail as she will be out of town on November 4, 2015.

After reviewing the Tentative Budget for the past two weeks, Councilmen offered comments involving:

- dramatic drop in the amount of \$100,000 for the New Hartford Public Library, which has considered some ideas to close the gap but don't know if would meet the \$100,000. An important part of the Town – did the Library have a forewarning?

The Town Supervisor did try to contact a Library official twice before submitting the Tentative Budget to the Town Clerk but was unable to reach the person who was out of town; it was not face-to-face.

One Councilman discussed day-to-day operations with Library Treasurer Heather Mowat. He noted that a lot of programs are used for out-of-towners, different programs and that some programs are offered free of charge and perhaps the Library could start charging to bring in revenue.

- \$150,000 in anticipated revenue for non-resident parking fees in the Town Parks, which seem aggressive and not sure whether this figure could be met. The Finance Director said that the Parks and Recreation Director had come up with this figure based upon 33,000 non-resident vehicles at \$5 per vehicle. The Town Attorney consulted Albany and the enabling legislation and the Town can charge non-residents;

In terms of collecting the parking fees, the Town Supervisor stated the non-residents' fee would be collected at the gate, while residents could probably pick up a windshield sticker at the Town Clerk's Office.

- charging for brine; \$12,500 the past year and broken down more for 2016 by municipalities;
- mitigation fees;
- work on funding one (1) full-time Police Officer as that Department has been short several positions for several years

Supervisor Tyksinski stated that General Fund Whole-Town is about \$1.4 million, of which approximately \$300,000 is budgeted for Parks. This is a sustaining budget with no capital projects, no equipment.

2016 Tentative Budget adopted as 2016 Preliminary Budget

Thereafter, Councilman Miscione introduced the following Resolution for adoption and Councilman Reynolds seconded same:

(RESOLUTION NO. 167 OF 2015)

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Town Law, Section 106, the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve/adopt the Tentative Budget for 2016 as the Preliminary Budget for 2016.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Councilman Miscione	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye

Councilman Reynolds - Aye
Councilman Woodland - Aye
Supervisor Tyksinski - Aye.

The Supervisor declared the Resolution unanimously carried and duly ***ADOPTED***.

2016 Preliminary Budget Hearing Scheduled

Councilman Reynolds moved the adoption of the following Resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Miscione:

(RESOLUTION NO. 168 OF 2015)

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Hartford will conduct Public Hearings to commence at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as reached in the regular course of business, on Wednesday, November 4 2015, in Butler Memorial Hall, 48 Genesee Street in said Town, to consider the following matters:

- the adoption of the 2016 Preliminary Budget as the 2016 Annual Budget; and
- the establishment of the ad valorem charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 for the following special districts/improvement areas

Water Fund
Fire Protection Districts No. 1 through No. 5,
Inclusive
Various Street Lighting Districts; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Town Board does hereby authorize and direct the Town Clerk to publish the legal requisite Notices of Public Hearing in The Observer Dispatch.

The Resolution was then voted upon as follows:

Councilman Miscione - Aye
Councilman Messa - Aye
Councilman Reynolds - Aye
Councilman Woodland - Aye
Supervisor Tyksinski - Aye.

Thereafter, the Supervisor declared the Resolution unanimously carried and duly ***ADOPTED.***

2016 Preliminary Budget Copies

Thereafter, Councilman Reynolds moved the adoption of the following Resolution; seconded by Councilman Miscione:

(RESOLUTION NO. 169 OF 2015)

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Town Law, Section 106.(4) [Preparation filing and review of tentative and preliminary budgets], sub-paragraph 4, the New Hartford Town Board does hereby direct the Town Clerk to make twenty-five (25) copies of the 2016 Preliminary Budget for public distribution and to post said document on the Town's website.

Upon roll call, the Town Board voted as follows:

Councilman Miscione	-	Aye
Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Woodland	-	Aye
Supervisor Tyksinski	-	Aye.

The Town Supervisor then declared the Resolution unanimously carried and duly ***ADOPTED.***

Councilman Reynolds, member of the Parks and Recreation Standing Committee, was asked to meet with Councilman Messa to review the future of the Town's three parks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion of Councilman Messa and seconded by Councilman Miscione, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Wolanin Young
Town Clerk