

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
BUDGET WORKSHOP, SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 23rd, 2023

The Budget Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, October 23, 2023 at 5:10 P.M. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
Councilman Brayton Foster	Present
Councilman Todd Wyckoff	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton and Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne.

The purpose of the Budget Workshop was to discuss changes to be made to the 2024 Tentative Budget.

Reynolds said that the Town will hopefully get \$100,000 ARPA money from the County by the end of this year (and encumber it for next) or early next year. Discussion for the money's uses included: Revaluation, new equipment, and splitting the money three ways between A, DA and DB funds.

Foster suggested that purchasing a new 10-wheel dump truck and pickup truck in 2025 may not work. Bishop pointed out that the prices will only be going up.

Foster suggested changes to DA(↑) + DB(↓) Real Property Tax Income, Sale of Equipment income and DB Appropriated Funds.

MacCheyne said that the Brush + Weeds account could use more funds (when available) for tree trimming.

It was noted that there is \$200,000 left in FEMA to be used on the South Frontenac project.

Proposed changes to the 2024 budget included an increase to A1110.11 for Justice/Personal Services Court Clerk, \$1155.00, 1 hour more per week, an increase to A1355.2 Assessor/Valuation to \$30,000, an increase to A7510.4 Historian/Contractual to \$1500, and increases to A9040.8, DA9040.8, DB9040.8 Workers Comp, a total of \$54,133.78.

Nottke said that the Three Falls LDC is asking for \$20,000 more from each member to cover legal fees, insurance, etc. Bill Shaw had proposed a budget that would require no additional moneys from the members, but 4 of 6 members rejected the proposal and approved the increase, without Town of Covert's members' approval. Nottke asked MacCheyne to provide a tally of highway department hours spent and costs incurred fixing the bridge to receive its 5-ton rating, maintaining South Frontenac and the Park's roads, and using Town equipment.

Meeting adjourned unanimously at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk