

Town of German Flatts Town Board Meeting (Budget Workshop)
66 East Main Street, Mohawk, NY 13407
October 9, 2019 (revised 10/24/19)

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Sam Geloso, Councilman
Denny Mowers, Councilman
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
Andy Dutcher, Highway Superintendent
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Kim Sanderson, Accountant
Laura Madore, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent: Councilman Brewer and Town Clerk Jones

Public: 3
See separate sign in sheet

Budget Workshop called to order by Supervisor Rovazzi at 1:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance said by all

All town employees were at the beginning of the meeting to discuss health insurance for the 2020 year. Cindy Bennett, JKB Benefits, Blue Cross/Blue Shield presented to the Board the proposed insurance premium for 2020 and discussed option that will keep the cost down.

Denny Mowers doesn't feel the employees should now pay part of the health insurance premiums. Andy Dutcher said he met with his crew over the budget and Andy stated if the employees didn't get a raise, then health insurance premiums shouldn't be paid for by his employees.

Denny Mowers stated the auditor's suggestions to save the Town money that we should look as a town to raise taxes, charge for health insurance.

Scott Hendrix discussed that all employees should absorb a minimal cost for health insurance; possible set a dollar amount rather than a percentage for health insurance coverage. Scott said everyone has to give a little. Scott asked how many employees currently pay for health insurance.

Judge Stone presented the Board and stated that the Court has applied for a \$30,000 grant to remodel the Court/Board Room to make the room more secure for the court files and also make the room more usable as a Board Room by changing the layout of the court bench. The bench will be used by the Board members during the Board meetings also.

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Denny Mowers discussed the position in the Clerk's office that is on the proposed budget as a cut and asked Supervisor Rovazzi how he can decide what another department head needs.

Scott Hendrix read of list from Clerk Jones that was emailed to the Board of reasons why she needs the position and what it would do to her department if the position was cut out of her budget.

Scott Hendrix asked the accountant and Supervisor how much income was generated by the London Bridge building and the Community Center and suggested that we sell the one of the properties if we don't make money from them.

The next budget workshop will be held October 16, 2019 at 1:00pm at the Town Hall.

MOTION by Geloso, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn at 3:50, Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Madore, Deputy Clerk
Town of German Flatts