

**Town of Jackson Town Board
Budget Meeting
October 16, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson held a Budget Meeting on October 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Member Present:

- Supervisor Jay Skellie
- Councilman Mike Nolan
- Councilman Travis Rea
- Councilman Carol Rich
- Councilman Edward Rouse

Others Present:

- Budget Officer Donna Nolan
- Highway Superintendent Sean Carney
- Town Clerk Tammy Skellie-Gilbert

The Town Board reviewed the 2018 Preliminary Budget line item by line item. The increase in fire protection and employee salaries and benefits consumes the 2% tax cap. Several items were discussed:

- A part-time highway person has been built into the budget for next summer because the highway department will be required to assign two staff members to help the County build the permanent Murray Hollow Bridge.
- The Town needs several large culverts replaced and the cost is substantial.
- 2017 revenues from the Court are down approximately 80%.
- The Easton Fire Department requested a \$50 increase, the first increase since 2013. The other departments had 2% increases again this year.
- The increase for health insurance is likely to be 13-15%.

To get a better estimate of the unexpended balance and hopefully health insurance premiums, the Budget Officer suggested the November meeting be postponed to the second Wednesday in November. This will allow more bills to be paid which are often not available by the first of the month. The Board members agreed to hold the November meeting on Wednesday, November 8th at 8:00 pm.

In addition, the Board believes there's a possibility that the 2018 budget increase could exceed the tax cap. Therefore, the Board felt it was necessary to write Local Law #3 of 2017 to override the tax cap. A public hearing for Local Law #3 of 2017 will be held on Wednesday, November 8th at 8:00 prior to the regular board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 798-17
2018 Salaries

Resolution by Councilman Rich
Seconded by Councilman Nolan
And passed by all board members,

RESOLVED, to raise the 2018 salaries by 2% for each person who requested an increase, excluding the positions of Justice and Court Clerk.

A public hearing on the 2018 Preliminary Budget will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 after the public hearing at 8:00 pm for Local Law #3 of 2017. Both hearing will precede the regular monthly meeting.

Fuel bids will also be open at the November 8th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk

Corrections in Red Tracking