

TOWN OF CONCORD BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
2023 Preliminary Budget

November 10, 2022
6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED BY CLYDE M. DRAKE, SUPERVISOR

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR
CLYDE M. DRAKE, COUNCIL MEMBER
KENNETH D. ZITTEL, COUNCIL MEMBER
WILLIAM F. SNYDER, III, COUNCIL MEMBER
KIMBERLY S. KRZEMIEN, COUNCIL MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: DARLENE G. SCHWEIKERT, Town Clerk
BARRY A. EDWARDS, Hwy Supt
BRIAN F. ATTEA, Town Atty

GEORGE DONHAUSER
MONICA WEST

DENISE CISZAK

Supervisor Drozd opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. Town Clerk Schweikert had published the Notice of Public Hearing in the Springville Journal on October 22, 2022. The Public Hearing Notice was posted on the signboard at the Town Hall and on the Town's website: townofconcordny.com on October 28, 2022.

Supervisor Drozd asked if there were any questions or comments. George Donhauser asked the Board for a quick overview of the accounts that changed a lot. Supervisor Drozd noted that the Highway Department lines changed the most: maintenance, equipment, bridge & culvert. George Donhauser also had questions with regard to the Firemen's Service Award account.

Council Member Snyder stated that the good news in the budget is that despite two years of challenges, some lines came down (DB, Library); the Town has healthy fund balances. Council Member Snyder is happy with the budget.

Supervisor Drozd noted that Fire Protection and Special Use Districts are tough. Kissing Bridge Water is up significantly; there were a lot of repairs needed.

Supervisor Drozd asked if there were other questions. Denise Ciszak said she would like clarification regarding payroll and the Town's Procurement Policy. Except for the Code Enforcement Office and Senior Center, each Department head is an elected official who should be able to order their own supplies instead of going through the Supervisor's Office. During COVID, former Supervisor Drake had departments order through his office and that procedure is saving the Town money and is still being followed. Mrs. Ciszak questioned the timing of the contract with the Payroll Service. The Town signed a Quote with the Payroll Service after the September meeting and the Contract was not signed by Supervisor Drozd until November 8, 2022. Supervisor Drozd advised that there was a signed Quote which was the Town's agreement and he went by that document. Mrs. Ciszak also questioned the salaries of the three full-time secretaries at the Town Hall (Supervisor Secretary/Bookkeeper, Civil Service Assessor and Deputy Town Clerk). Town Attorney Attea advised the Board not to answer questions regarding personnel in a public forum. Mrs. Ciszak had one more question regarding the cost of the Payroll Service. In the proposed Budget, the cost is coming out of General Fund A and should be split between all four accounts; not just General Fund A. Supervisor Drozd would look into this; Mrs. Ciszak answered that if the Board adopted the budget tonight, it would be too late. Town Attorney Attea advised that the Board could approve the budget tonight noting that the Town would review the matter and make sure the funds are coming out of the appropriate fund.

Supervisor Drozd asked if there were any other questions. There were none. The Public Hearing remained open until 6:54 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Snyder, seconded by Council Member Zittel, to close the hearing at 6:54 p.m. Council Members Drake, Zittel, Snyder & Krzemien; Supervisor Drozd, voting aye. Carried.



Darlene G. Schweikert
Town Clerk