

Caroline Town Board Preliminary Budget Discussion of October 23, 2014

The Town Board met at 6:15 p.m on October 23, 2014 to discuss the Preliminary Budget at the Caroline Town Hall by Supervisor Don Barber which was reconvened from the October 15, 2014 meeting.

Attendance:

Don Barber, Supervisor
John Fracchia, Councilmember
Irene Weiser, Councilmember
Mark Witmer, Councilmember
Tim Seely, Councilmember

Recording

Secretary: Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk

Also present: no members of the public were present

Wetland mapping presented by Councilmember Witmer- see attachment 1

The Park Foundation is giving a grant of \$25,000. The \$6850 remainder will come from the County.

Budget

There is roughly \$400,000 in the fund balance on the General side and \$200,000 in Highway budget
Bob Spaulding wrote a letter on behalf of the seniors asking to keep the Budget for 2015 the same as 2014 at \$1000 and not decrease the budget line to \$250 See attachment 2

The Town received a check for aprox. \$20,000.00 for mortgage tax on the Annex building and we also received a reimbursement of \$40,000.00 for the amount we contributed (loaned at the start-up) to the Health Care Consortium plus 3% interest.

Fund balance discussion- The Town Board talked about different scenarios with different goals with raising and lowering the fund balance.

Councilmember Weiser spoke about a need for a new Town website. Her estimate would be aprox \$4000 to have a new Town website built. Councilmember Fracchia said he would like to look and see if he could find a lesser rate to redo the whole site.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of having a full time employee working ½ time for the Town Clerk (with a few hours for the code officer) and ½ time for Highway Superintendent. The pros being having a full time employee would give more stability to the job; fulltime with benefits and the cons being the Town Clerk and Highway Super being in different buildings, needing the assistant the same hours and conflict of duties assigned. The discussion was tabled for the time being. The Clerk and the Highway Super currently have part-time employees.

Resolutions

Resolution 195 of 2014

Budget Adjustments

A motion was made by Don Barber and seconded by Irene Weiser

Increase line A7610.4 senior citizens by \$250 to \$1000

Increase line A9060.8 by \$6,500

Decrease line A1480.4 by \$2000

\$70,000 of additional fund bal 5.09 %

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

Resolution 196 of 2014

Preliminary Budget

A motion was made by Don Barber and seconded by Mark Witmer

Resolved, the Town Board hereby accepts the 2015 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Caroline.

Adopted Barber: Aye; Fracchia: Aye; Witmer: Aye; Weiser: Aye Seely: Aye

---Adjourn---

Adjourned on a motion by Don Barber and seconded John Fracchia at 7:49 p.m.

All in favor- Aye

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk