

PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING

A Preliminary Budget Hearing for the year 2022 took place on November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York.

Present: Supervisor Fleming, Councilpersons Jaime McGlasson, Bill Huestis, Chris Ruthven and Paul Denbaum.

Also Present: Town Clerk Cappelli, Director of Finance Kelly, Newly Elected Councilwoman Ann Campbell, Chief Owens and Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Committee Member Ulich.

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Fleming called the meeting to order with the Salute to the Flag.

Resolution #334 - Open the 2021 2Preliminary Budget Hearing

On a motion by Supervisor Fleming

Seconded by Councilwoman McGlasson

Resolved: The 2022 Preliminary Budget Hearing was opened.

Motion carried unanimously

Yulia Kelly the Director of Finance gave a power point presentation on the 2022 Preliminary Budget (see attached) beginning with the distribution of tax dollars. Stating 72. % is spent on School Tax, 19. % on Town and the remainder 8. % on County Tax. She said there are no tax increases proposed in the Town General and Highway Funds, there is a 3% increases in the Lake Carmel Sanitation District, both Fire Districts will see a very small increase and a 50% increase in the Park District #2 Lake Tibet which was decided by the residents there. She said Fund Balance is used for Debt Service and non-recurring items She said today she received an update on retirement contributions for employer retirement system expects a 25% decrease in the contribution rates, the Police and Fire retirement system rates will be the same. She said health insurance includes a 3% estimated increase. She went through the various pages showing which parts fund the police and highway departments, etc. She said most of the capital improvements, equipment and paving is budgeted to be spent with bond money. There is no operating funds. She said there will be a change from the Preliminary Budget to the Adopted Budget because the retirement contributions rates did come in lower than anticipated. She recalculated and just for the Preliminary General Fund we were expected to spend \$116,000 of fund balance with the reduced retirement contribution we will be spending about \$51,000. In the Preliminary Highway Fund the effect of the retirement decrease contribution was about \$40,000 less. There are two other payroll funds that will be decreased as well spending less of the Fund Balance. She said last year they anticipated using \$278,000 and actually projecting to add to the Fund Balance for 2021. Councilman Ruthven asked is it because of not operating to full capacity due to Covid. Yulia replied it is because of savings in the various departments and a few items of revenue as well. Councilman Huestis questioned the 50% increase in Lake Tibet. Supervisor Fleming replied it was presented to the membership at their annual meeting. Councilman Huestis asked for an increase for the Videographer as he has not received an increase since 1999 and a few others. He asked about the needs of Lake Carmel and possibly hiring more lifeguards to open additional beaches. Councilman Ruthven thought they agreed they would leave it as is with the understanding if they could do the recruiting and training they could go back and obtain the funding. He said more money was asked for events and it was decided to leave it as there was always more money in other accounts that could be transferred. Supervisor Fleming asked for questions there were none.

Resolution #335 - Adjourn the 2022 Preliminary Budget Hearing

On a motion by Supervisor Fleming

Seconded by Councilman Ruthven

Resolved: The 2022 Preliminary Budget Hearing was adjourned to November 9, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #336 - Accept Bid for Pavement Rehabilitation at Edward Ryan Memorial Field Parking Lot

On a motion by Councilwoman McGlasson

Seconded by Councilman Ruthven

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent duly advertised for bids for pavement rehabilitation at the Edward Ryan Memorial Field parking lot; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received in response to the advertisement and the bids were opened and publicly read aloud at the Kent Town Center; and

WHEREAS, Intercounty Paving Co., Inc. of Carmel, New York submitted the lowest bid in the overall amount of \$144,560; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to award the bid submitted by the lowest bidder, Intercounty Paving Co., Inc., in the overall amount of \$144,560.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby awards the bid for pavement rehabilitation at the Edward Ryan Memorial Field parking lot to Intercounty Paving Co., Inc. consistent with the bid proposal; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Kent hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #337 - Add Appoint Planning Board Member to the Agenda

On a motion by Councilman Denbaum
Seconded by Councilman Ruthven,
Seconded by Supervisor Fleming for Discussion
Resolved: Appoint Planning Board Member was added to the agenda.

Supervisor Fleming thought this was not totally resolved, it was discussed going forward with the Planning Board and now there is two meetings left. A discussion took place amongst the board about notification, the appointment being put off and the time discussed on the matter.
Supervisor Fleming objected to adding this item to the agenda.
Motion carried

Resolution #338 - Appoint Sabrina Cruz to the Kent Planning Board

On a motion by Councilman Denbaum
Seconded by Councilwoman McGlasson
Resolved: Sabrina Cruz was appointed to fill the vacant set on the Kent Planning Board term to expire December 31, 2021.
Upon Roll Call Vote
Councilman Denbaum – aye
Councilwoman McGlasson – aye
Councilman Huestis – aye he interviewed the three residents and wanted someone from the business sector.
Councilman Ruthven – aye and echoed Councilman Huestis comments not only someone from the business sector but someone who has went through the Planning Board process and has dealt with the hard process that it is and hopefully can bring some potential improvements to make the process go more smoothly.
Supervisor Fleming – abstained, she will not vote against a member of the community. She does not think this is the proper procedure.
Motion carried

Resolution 339 - Adjourn to Executive Session

On a motion by Councilman Denbaum
Seconded by Councilman Ruthven
Resolved: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel.
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution #340 - Adjournment

On a motion by Councilman Denbaum
Seconded by Councilwoman McGlasson
Resolved: The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. no votes were taken.
Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Yolanda D. Cappelli
Town Clerk