

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

September 24, 2019

The Town Council met for a budget workshop at the Town Hall building, 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, New York.

Present: Supervisor Peter Vroman, Councilman John Toomey, Jr., Councilman Rodney Young; John Peruzzi Councilman and William Armitstead not present; Highway Superintendent Timothy Jones; Town Bookkeeper Amy Kretser

The workshop was opened by the Supervisor at 7:30pm

Bookkeeper- Proposed draft tentative budget is below 2% tax cap, however, the G fund is currently low, it is not receiving enough revenue vs. expenditures; Bookkeeper noted that taxes have not been raised for a couple of years; Suggests to the Board the need to raise taxes for 2020 up to, *but not going over*, the 2% tax levy limit in order for the G fund to recover; Town bookkeeper indicates the Highway funds are fine

Supervisor- Recommends the following raises be included in 2020 budget:

-Town Justice	\$500.00
-Town Court Clerk	\$.25/hr
-Town Assessor	\$500.00
-Highway Superintendent	\$1,500.00

Town Clerk- Requests a \$200.00 increase for her two deputies [increase from \$1,000.00 total to \$1,200.00 total]. The deputies are paid hourly at minimum wage, and with each minimum wage increase, the Clerk has lost at least two days of leave time [deputies are used to cover the office when the Clerk is not available due to sickness, vacation, doctors' appointments, trainings, etc.]. The \$200.00 covers the minimum wage increase that will happen December 31, 2019

-Clerk reminds those present at the workshop that the information provided is a draft tentative budget; The Town Bookkeeper will submit the tentative budget to the Clerk by the end of the week. Once received by the Clerk, the Clerk will mail to the Board members

8:40pm-Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, **all in favor ayes, carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk