



Knox Town Board Minutes

October 26, 2021

Budget and Special Meeting of the Town Board

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Lefkaditis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on this date:

- Supervisor Lefkaditis
- Councilman Cyr
- Councilman Pritchard
- Councilwoman Springer
- Town Clerk Schanz
- Councilman Saddlemire (arrived at approximately 8:00pm)
- Superintendent of Highways Schanz

Presentations:

Helderberg Ambulance – presented the budget for 2022 and explained the reason for the large increase requested. The Captain explained that the depreciation of ambulances had not been accounted for in previous years, and it is now. He also explained the cost (\$50,000.00 over the course of 5 years in payments) of a hydraulic lift (Stryker) and the reasons it was needed. There was a time frame and explanation of the plan to replace ambulances as the vehicles age out. Some of the budget costs are related to communications, equipment, medical supplies, training and administrative costs (non-medical support staff). The Captain also explained revenue recover. (Payments made to the ambulance squad based on the care provided to the hospital. The only time they get paid is when the patient agrees to go to the hospital, and not on the way back to the squad building. Base fees are lost when a paramedic rides on board)

Supervisor Lefkaditis thanked the ambulance squad for the budget presentation, volunteerism, and all that they do.

The Board discussed the proposed budget briefly and will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Altamont Rescue - is not requesting an increase for 2022.

Altamont Library – Asking for an increase of \$500.00, and in a preliminary discussion the Board is in agreement with this.

Berne Library - Asking for an increase of \$50.00, and in a preliminary discussion the Board is in agreement with this.

There was a discussion regarding the American Rescue Plan monies. There is no clear-cut rule for how it is used, however there are vague rules to how it is placed into the budget. A place-holder will be entered into the budget and the discussion will continue at the next meeting. Supervisor Lefkaditis reports that Senator Hinchey and Assemblyman Santabarbara are still interested in giving the Town money for a community center.

RESOLUTION 111-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Cyr seconded by Councilman Pritchard to increase line items DA5112.41 and DA3501 by \$ 19,368.46 for the 2020 budget year. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to increase line items DA5112.41 and DA3501 by \$ 19,368.46 for the 2020 budget year.

RESOLUTION 112-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Pritchard seconded by Councilwoman Springer to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz

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Knox Town Clerk