

**TOWN OF DRYDEN  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 10, 2019**

Present: Supervisor Jason Leifer, Cl Daniel Lamb, Cl Linda Lavine,  
Cl Kathrin Servoss, Cl Alice Green

Elected Officials: Bambi L. Avery, Town Clerk  
Rick Young, Highway Superintendent  
Christopher Clauson, Town Justice

Other Town Staff: Jennifer Case, Bookkeeper  
Ray Burger, Planning Director

Supv Leifer called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Budget**

Wage increases have been changed to 3% or less resulting in a total reduction of about \$15,000 in the A and B funds. Highway employees will receive increase according to the union contract. The board is looking to reduce the department budget requests because they don't want to raise the tax rate more than 5% (from \$4.74 per thousand of assessed value to \$4.98). A revenue line in the Planning Department budget was reduced by \$60,000. The board reviewed each department budget with a goal of a total reduction in expenses of \$270,000. Changes made tonight in expenses and revenues resulted in a total budget reduction of \$184,500.

Ambulance – Dryden Ambulance has asked to double the amount received from the town in order to provide better wages to recruit and retain people. On a \$200,000 house it would mean \$88 on a property tax bill if they get what they ask, double what it was last year. It was suggested that there be some public outreach by the ambulance about the dire need and potential tax increase. The public needs to be aware of what will be lost if the ambulance is no longer financially able to function. Supv Leifer will add their full request to the budget and ambulance personnel will be present for the public hearing on the budget.

Budget discussion will continue next week.

**Abstract Approval**

**RESOLUTION #137 (2019) – APPROVE ABSTRACT #10**

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves Abstract #10, as audited, general vouchers #724 through #796 (\$373,747.85) and TA vouchers #57 through #60 (\$3,445.46), totaling \$377,193.31.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Servoss

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

**Public Broadband**

Board members have been provided with a second draft of the study.

**Freese Road Bridge**

There will be an update next week.

**Sewer/Water Consolidation**

Will be on the agenda next week. Once the plan is accepted there will be a public hearing scheduled.

**Trinitas**

R Burger reported that TG Miller has reviewed the application and believe it is complete. He will go over it over the weekend and conference with them and Atty Sokoni on Tuesday. He expects there will be a resolution for the town to declare lead agency next week. Cl Lavine would like it clear that the condition to address how the project fits with the Varna plan is not adequate or sufficient. She would like it clear what has been left out of the response by Trinitas. She would also like assurance from the town attorney that the town is doing everything by the books. R Burger stated that the SEQR process will address how the project is consistent with community character; Trinitas' argument for that was in their two-page letter that was submitted. The board will determine whether that response is adequate.

**Climate Smart Community**

Cl Green announced that the town has received bronze level certification as a Climate Smart Community and displayed the signs that were given to the town to install. There will be a press release by the county.

**Other Business**

Cl Green will present a resolution to request a speed limit reduction for Game Farm Road next week.

Board members have been provided with copies of the policy against discrimination and harassment recommended by our insurer. Board members should review this prior to next week so that it can be adopted. J Case recommended that the compliance officers be designated by position rather than name and that the Supervisor and Human Resources person be designated.

There will be a public hearing next week on the local law to override the tax levy cap.

There being no further business, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bambi L. Avery  
Town Clerk