

Town of York
October 26th, 2023
2024 Budget Hearing
5:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Gerald Deming, Councilmen: Frank Rose Jr.,
Jason Swede and Norman Gates.

Absent: Amos Smith

Others: Justin Bennett (BBS Accounting) Dennis House, Marta Burroughs, George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.) and Kirk Richenberg.

Supervisor Deming opened the 2024 Budget Hearing at 5:03 p.m. and gave a brief overview of highlights of the 2024 Budget:

- VFW and York/Leicester Towners - \$500.00 increase
- Attorney line item now at - \$60,000.00
- Addition of York/Leicester Kiwanis- \$4,000.00
- Town of York Historical Society- \$2,000.00
- Highway Fund- \$315,000.00 (for a loader & pick up truck)

Supervisor Deming stated that the upcoming budget reflects an .89% increase which equates to \$3.11 per 100,000 assessment. Mr. Deming then asked if the public had questions on the Preliminary budget.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Dennis House- Mr. House stated that he is representing two organizations this evening, the York Fire Department and the York/Leicester Seniors and wanted to thank the Board for their continued support over the years.

Marta Burroughs- Mrs. Burroughs also wanted to thank the board for including Kiwanis in the budget as well. They are very grateful.

Kirk Richenberg- Mr. Richenberg asked for clarification on a number of budget items:

Q-In last year's budget there was not money allocated for cemeteries but for 2024 \$1,000.00?

Supervisor Deming replied that we did put money back into the budget that we had previously not used, with the hopes of repairing stones in some of the cemeteries.

Q-on pg. 17, (Interfund transfers), there was a \$100,000 transfer?
Mr. Bennett answered that this transfer was General Fund moving money to the Highway Fund for equipment.

Q-on pg. 18, (Revenues) “other payments in lieu of taxes went from \$5,152.00 to \$7,300.00?

Mr. Bennett responded that this is the PILOT for the Cheese Plant and the new figure is based on the checks received and our tax rate. There is a formula we use to calculate this but we underestimated for 2023 and bumped it up for 2024. Each year it is a little difficult because until the tax rate is set, there cannot be a specific number in place.

Q-So the actual number was?

Mr. Bennett replied the actual amount for 2023 that we just received is \$7,492.00

Q-on pg. 19, (use of money/property) A2401 interest?

Supervisor Deming answered that we had money donated to the Town that we previously put in a CD, now it has been moved to the General Fund.

Q-Also under the same A2410E & A2401F, is this NY Class?

Supervisor Deming responded it is NY Class and to date we have made \$88,100.00. We anticipate a decrease toward the end of the year because we will be utilizing some of those funds. The \$40,000.00 figure in the budget is interest put in under General Fund.

Q- How many investments do we have in NY Class?

Supervisor Deming replied we have seven investments with NY Class but have been using money through the year, which again will ultimately take away from the bottom line.

Q-Is there a policy in place or criteria to follow?

Supervisor Deming answered that the Bank of Castile is constantly asking to put money back with them but we are very happy with the money we are continuing to make with NY Class.

Q-As a Board do you look at other avenues?

Councilman Swede replied he would be concerned about the risk factor in other avenues. Supervisor Deming added, previously with CD's, our money is tied up but here we can pull money out anytime we need to. Thus far we are pleased with NY Class.

Q-In the Highway Fund (Machinery Equip), DA5130.2, the \$315,000.00 figure is for a pick up and loader, do you think you will get much for the loader?

Mr. Worden replied that he has received estimates from auction yards and was given a \$50,000.00 figure. The loader is a 1991 model.

Q-In Water District Appropriations, someone will be retiring...when?

Supervisor Deming answered that Mr. Hodges has indicated he will be retiring sometime in the spring of 2024.

Q-In Water District estimated revenues, this is a new breakdown?

Supervisor Deming and Mr. Bennett explained this is a better way to monitor all of the water districts.

SW2140.6- Metered water sales

SW2140.6 CV- Covington water billing

SW2140.6 LT- Leicester water billing

SW2140.6 R- Out of district billing

Q- Covington is not an Out of District rate?

Supervisor Deming replied Covington is an out of district rate but we bill the Town directly and track districts separately.

Q-SW2140.6 R, is this all out of district users?

Supervisor Deming answered, yes all out of districts users.

Q-In the Youth Fund; the \$18,500.00 line item, is this for the program through the YMCA?

Supervisor Deming stated it is for the program, the breakdown of financing is as follows:

Town of York:	\$10,000.00
Town of Leicester:	\$6,000.00
Village of Leicester:	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	\$18,500.00

Q-Is there a breakdown of how equipment is repaired and maintained with the towns in the Shared Services Agreement (York, Geneseo and Caledonia)?

Mr. Worden explained that each town divides out specific equipment to maintain and service, which so far has evened out well. Currently we share: 2 track excavator, 2 rollers, 1 road widener and 1 skid loader.

Q- What is our share of the maintenance?

Mr. Worden answered roughly \$2,000.00 for each town for routine maintenance.

Q-If a major issue arises, how will this work?

Supervisor Deming replied if a major expense was to occur, it would certainly be split among the towns involved.

Comment from Mr. Richenberg: Sooner or later equipment gets more age, additional maintenance will be needed and it will be more expensive. There needs to be accurate records to reflect work completed.

Mr. Worden answered that the other towns have been keeping a record for each piece of equipment.

Q-How many towns are involved?

Mr. Worden stated that we have shared service agreements with several towns for different pieces of equipment:

5 towns for the roller; York, Mt. Morris, Caledonia, Avon & Leicester
3 towns for the excavator/skid loader; York, Caledonia & Geneseo
2 towns for the big track excavator/bulldozer; York & Geneseo

Mr. Worden commented that we have had good success thus far with each town and the service agreements.

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION offered by Supervisor Deming and seconded by Mr. Swede to close the 2024 Budget Hearing at 5:31 p.m. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine M. Harris
Christine M. Harris, Clerk

Regular Town Board Meeting
October 26, 2023

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Councilmen: Frank Rose Jr., Norman Gates and Jason Swede

Absent: Amos Smith

Others: Justin Bennett (BBS), George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Kirk Richenberg and Marta Burroughs.

Supervisor Deming opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m. and invited Councilman Gates to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2024 Budget:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the 2024 Town of York budget as presented. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Sewer Tap Application:

1)2907 York Rd. East:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Swede to approve the Sewer Tap application submitted by Mark Cole for property located at 2907 York Rd. East. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

*Tap fee is waived due to the fact that the property owner has been paying a yearly debt service on this location.

2)Open House:

Supervisor Deming stated that the Board received an invitation from our Town Historian Steve Gates for an Open House at his office located at the JAZKAM plaza on Sunday, November 19th from 11am-3pm. All are welcome to attend.

After no further business...

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Swede to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 5:35 pm. Voted on and approved, Yes-4, No-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine M. Harris
Christine M. Harris, Clerk