

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
TOWN BOARD
OCTOBER 1, 2020**

The Washington Town Board held a special meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at the Town of Washington Town Hall. Supervisor Gary Ciferri opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turlletes, Robert Audia, Al De Bonis and Michael Murphy, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola and Bookkeeper Lois Petrone.

The meeting was held via Zoom, with Village Trustee Timothy Collopy and resident Howard Schuman in attendance.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Alex presented the Town Board with the 2021 Tentative Budget. There was a line by line review of the 2021 Tentative Budget. The 2021 Tentative Budget is attached, along with the Budget required documents and worksheets.

Budget highlights:

- The tentative budget remains within the New York State Tax Cap.
- The tentative tax rates are as follows:

Category	2021	2020	
Town Outside the Village	1.947	1.908	per thousand
Village	0.854	0.864	per thousand
Fire		0.480	0.469 per thousand
Library	0.157	0.16	per thousand
- Reductions in the contractual expense lines for most departments
- Reduction in revenues as projected by New York State
- Rental of the Village Gymnasium with the ability to sublet to different organizations
- Addition of a part time clerk position for the highway department

At the request of Animal Control Officer De Bonis, the Board authorized Bookkeeper Petrone to add \$2,500.00 to the ACO budget for new equipment for sheltering an animal overnight when the DCSPCA is unavailable.

At the request of Highway Superintendent Spagnola, the Board authorized Bookkeeper Petrone to reduce the DB Budget by \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the Board authorized the Town Supervisor to execute an agreement with HGACBuy to join the

purchasing group. By doing so, the town will see a discount of over \$3,000.00 on the SCAG lawnmower for the Town Park. All ayes were recorded.

The Town Board has Budget Workshop meetings scheduled for Monday, October 19 and 26, and November 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Turlletes, the meeting was closed at 8:15 PM. All ayes were recorded.



Mary Alex, Town Clerk