

WASHINGTON TOWN BOARD
November 1, 2021
Minutes

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held a special meeting on November 1, 2021, at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Dr., Millbrook, NY. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Gary Ciferri with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Robert Audia, Michael Murphy and Joseph Rochfort, Town Clerk Mary Alex and Bookkeeper Lois Petrone. The purpose of the meeting was for the Town Clerk to present the Preliminary 2022 Budget and any other business that might come before the Town Board.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC), on a motion made by Councilman Rochfort and seconded by Councilman Murphy the Board appointed the following professional firms as consultants for the CPRC:

Planner: Community Planning and Environmental Associates, Nan Stolzenburg, Berne, NY

Attorney: McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, James Staudt, White Plains, NY.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE

Councilman Turletes AYE

Councilman Audia AYE

Councilman Murphy AYE

Councilman Rochfort AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the Board accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Mindy Moore, Deputy Town Clerk. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE

Councilman Turletes AYE

Councilman Audia AYE

Councilman Murphy AYE

Councilman Rochfort AYE

On the recommendation of Town Clerk Alex, on a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the Board appointed Christine Briggs as Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Vital Registrar through December 31,2023. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE

Councilman Turletes AYE
 Councilman Audia AYE
 Councilman Murphy AYE
 Councilman Rochfort AYE

On the recommendation of Justices Shequine and Feigelson, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia, the Board appointed Kristen DiFiore to serve as Justice Court Clerk, at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, through December 31, 2023.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
 Councilman Turletes AYE
 Councilman Audia AYE
 Councilman Murphy AYE
 Councilman Rochfort AYE

Bookkeeper Petrone provided an update on the proposed 2022 Budget based on recent changes.

1. The tax cap allowable levy is 2,867,005.00, and the current budget is 2,855,005.00 therefore the Town is under the 2% tax cap.
2. Reduced attorney fees for Assessment Appeal from \$60,000 to \$30,000
3. Removed \$19,000 sick leave pay from Highway DB fund
4. Increased fund balance based on mortgage and sales tax revenues
5. At the request of Highway Superintendent Spagnola, eliminated his 2022 pay raise.
6. Increased the retirement budget in the A and DB Funds by \$2,000.00.

FUND	APPROPRIATIONS	REVENUE	FUND BALANCE	TAX LEVY
General A	\$1,521,943.00	\$461,900.00	\$58,000.00	\$1,002,034.00
Library A	\$184,000.00			\$184,000.00
General B	\$411,517.00	\$316,170.00	\$85,000.00	\$10,347.00
Highway DB	\$1,511,891.00	\$256,100.00	\$175,000.00	\$1,080,791.00
Fire District SF	\$577,833.00			\$577,833.00
TOTALS	\$4,207,175.00	\$1,034,170.00	\$318,000.00	\$2,855,005.00

The proposed tax rates, per thousand of assessed value are as follows:

Village Tax Rate: \$0.85
 Town Outside the Village: \$1.97
 Fire (Town Outside Village): \$0.49
 Library: \$0.16

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the Board Scheduled a Special Meeting for Ethics for Monday, November 29 at 5:30 PM for a Public Hearing on Community Block Grant for project ideas and to conduct interviews for appointments to Planning Board, CAC, ZBA and Board of Ethics. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes AYE
Councilman Audia AYE
Councilman Murphy AYE
Councilman Rochfort AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Audia, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes AYE
Councilman Audia AYE
Councilman Murphy AYE
Councilman Rochfort AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Rochfort and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the regular meeting resumed at 8:45 PM. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes AYE
Councilman Audia AYE
Councilman Murphy AYE
Councilman Rochfort AYE

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Rochfort and seconded by Councilman Murphy the meeting was closed at 8:46 PM. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes AYE
Councilman Audia AYE
Councilman Murphy AYE
Councilman Rochfort AYE

Mary Alex, Town Clerk