

September 24, 2024

Tentative Budget Meeting

Minutes of a Tentative Budget Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Southport held at the Southport Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue on September 24, 2024.

Members Present: Supervisor Joseph Roman, Council Members Daniel Hurley, Daniel Williams, Kathleen Szerszen

Members Absent: Council Member Rich Mathews

Others Present: Town Clerk Carolyn Renko

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Roman at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Moment of Silence – Supervisor Joseph Roman

Under Discussion was Southport Volunteer Fire Department Fire Protection Contract. Supervisor Roman opened the discussion for consideration of the proposal to renew a Fire Protection Contract between the Town of Southport, on behalf of Southport Fire Protection District No. 1, and the Southport Volunteer Firemen, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2024  
SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution by: Williams  
Seconded by: Szerszen

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport, County of Chemung, New York, will hold a public hearing on October 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it can be heard, at the Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, New York, for the purpose of considering the proposal to renew a Fire Protection Contract between the Town of Southport, on behalf of Fire Protection District No. 1 and the Southport Volunteer Firemen, Inc., which contract is to provide, among other things, that the Town of Southport, on behalf of Fire Protection District No. 1 shall pay to the Southport Volunteer Firemen, Inc., the sum of \$352,000.00 for the year 2025; \$367,000.00 for the year 2026; and \$382,000.00 for the year 2027 and to consider such other terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the parties for the furnishing of fire protection in said district.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Szerszen, Roman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Mathews  
CARRIED.

Discussion was held regarding the 2025 Tentative Budget.

The Town Board discussed expenditures and revenues related to the development of the 2025 budget. Items discussed included:

1. Potential concern of revenue related to sales tax due to the uncertainty of the economy.
2. County sales tax distribution will remain the same for 2025.
3. ARPA spending commitments will be completed by December 2024.
4. Increases in health insurance is a significant cost driver.
5. Continued focus on the maintenance of Town assets and infrastructure.
6. Emphasis on cost of doing business with adjustments to both revenue and expense streams.

Council Member Hurley made a motion, Council Member Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko, Town Clerk