

Preliminary Budget Meeting

November 4, 2020

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board held at the Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue, on November 4, 2020.

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

Members Absent: Council Member Glenn Gunderman

Others Present: Town Clerk Carolyn Renko

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

Moment of Silence – Kathleen Szerszen

**6:04 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Town Clerk Carolyn Renko read the legal notice that appeared in the Star Gazette and posted on the Town Bulletin Board and Town Website and opened the public hearing for public comment.

No one wished to speak, therefore the Public Hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

Supervisor Szerszen stated that the proposed 2021 budget was reviewed in detail at the Tentative Budget Meeting held on September 15, 2020. The proposed budget will include a tax increase of .34 cents per thousand raising the tax rate from \$1.49 per thousand to \$1.83 per thousand of assessed value.

The rationale for the tax increase includes several factors:

1. A recommendation by the Town auditor during his review of the 2019 Audit Report.
2. Loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic including a hold on various revenues by the Governor.
3. Outstanding State & Federal aid reimbursement for the flooding that occurred in August of 2018.
4. The need to replace aging highway equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2020

AUTHORIZING SALE OF A 2010 FORD F350 TRUCK PREVIOUSLY DECLARED SURPLUS

Resolution by: Roman  
Seconded by: Hurley

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southport at a regular meeting held on February 11, 2020, by Resolution 48-2020 did declare one 2010 Ford F350 Truck (VIN #1FTWF3B5XAEB36708) as surplus property, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has received a purchase offer for the Ford F350 in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$500.00).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to accept the offer for the Ford F350 Truck (VIN #1FTWF3B5XAEB36708), for the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$500.00).

AYES: Hurley, Roman, Steed, Szerszen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Gunderman  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 158-2020

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND WINTER PARKING §497.22 (a) PENALTIES

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Hurley

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport, County of Chemung, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it can be heard, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, New York, for the purpose of amending Winter Parking §497-22 (a) Penalties.

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to make proper publication and posting as required by law.

AYES: Hurley, Roman, Steed, Szerszen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Gunderman  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 159-2020

AMENDING A BOND RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT, CHEMUNG COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN CONNECTION WITH THE STREET RESURFACING IN AND FOR SAID TOWN, TO EXTEND THE MAXIMUM MATURITY OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED BEYOND FIVE YEARS

Resolution by: Roman  
Seconded by: Steed

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southport, Chemung County, New York, duly adopted a bond resolution on August 13, 2019, authorizing the issuance of \$700,000 bonds of said Town to pay the cost of the street resurfacing, including curbs, gutters, sidewalks, drainage, and cost incidental thereto, in and for said Town, at a total maximum estimated cost of \$700,000, and

WHEREAS, such bond resolution restricts the maximum maturity of the bonds to five years, and of probable usefulness assigned thereto: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT WHEREAS, it is now desired to amend such bond resolution dated August 13, 2019 accordingly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Southport, Chemung County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The bond resolution set forth in the preambles is hereby amended to provide that the maximum maturity of the bonds therein authorized will be fifteen years and will thus exceed five years with respect to the issuance of the bonds authorized therein.

Section 2. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. This resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

AYES: Hurley, Roman, Steed, Szerszen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Gunderman  
CARRIED.

Supervisor Szerszen made a motion, Council Member Steed seconded the motion to adjourn into an executive session to discuss proposed pending or current litigation.

AYES: Hurley, Roman, Steed, Szerszen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Gunderman  
CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko  
Town Clerk