

September 21, 2021

Tentative Budget Meeting

Minutes of a Tentative Budget Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Southport held at the Southport Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue on September 21, 2021.

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

Members Absent: Council Member Glenn Gunderman, Timothy Steed

Others Present: Town Clerk Carolyn Renko

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Szerszen 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

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2021

APPOINTING MICHAEL REESE AS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR NO. 1

Resolution by: Hurley
Seconded by: Roman

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the Town of Southport Highway Department for the position of Equipment Operator No. 1,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael Reese be and he hereby is appointed Equipment Operator No. 1 for the Highway Department of the Town of Southport, with a probationary period of 52 weeks effective October 4, 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Michael Reese, shall receive an hourly salary in the amount of \$ 23.51 pr/hr as compensation for his duties and shall be entitled to receive any and all benefits available to any full-time employee of the Town of Southport, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said appointment be made pursuant to the terms and conditions of a contract between the Highway Employees and the Town of Southport dated December 30, 2020 and pursuant to the Civil Service Laws of the State of New York and the regulations promulgated by the Chemung County/City of Elmira Civil Service Commission.

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

Under Discussion was Southport Volunteer Fire Department Fire Protection Contract. Supervisor Szerszen 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.

The proposed budget was presented by the Southport Fire Department Officials.

The Town Board Members expressed satisfaction in the contribution to the Community and that the financials are in order.

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2021

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution by: Hurley
Seconded by: Roman

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport, County of Chemung, New York, will hold a public hearing on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 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 \$323,000.00 for the year 2022; \$329,500.00 for the year 2023; and \$336,000.00 for the year 2024 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, Roman, Szerszen
NOES: None
ABSENT: Gunderman, Steed
CARRIED.

Discussion was held regarding the 2022 Tentative Budget.

The Town Board discussed expenditures and revenues pertaining to the budget for 2022. Some of the issues discussed include:

1. Potential uses for funds received from the American Rescue Plan and required reports to document those uses.
2. Employee pay rates and benefits.
3. Road repair mitigation proposals.
4. Potential grant approvals for sewer expansion projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko, Town Clerk