

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held October 11, 2017 at the Town Hall commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Present: William Carr, Supervisor
Shawn Marriott, Deputy Supervisor
Joan Breslin, Council Member
Jerry Cunningham, Council Member
Nick Nahas, Council Member

Recording Secretary: Janet Partridge-Town Clerk

Others Present: Thomas Sutton-Police Sgt.
Cindy Moore-Bookkeeper
3 community members

Supervisor Carr called the 2018 Budget workshop to order at 6:32 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Carr received a letter from James Slaughter, Promoter for Diamondback MX. He would like to talk to Supervisor Carr about purchasing the 85 acres of land adjacent to Dollar General to construct an indoor motocross track and an outdoor one.

Bookkeeper Moore explained the Healthcare Plan charts provided by our agent. Different plans were compared as far as the benefits and dates of increases. Moore suggested changing the anniversary date of the renewal from May to the first of the year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cunningham to change the anniversary date of the Healthcare Plan renewal from May to January 1st, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marriott, all in favor, motion carried. (5-Yeas, Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

Carr suggested the board read over the proposals for the Annual Report, the Town Clerk's cash audit, the Tax Collector's cash audit and the Town Court's cash audit for 2017 as presented from PKHB.

The board reviewed the individual lines for the 2018 budget with the following comments:

- Councilmembers declined an increase in their annual salaries.

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- Have several questions on the Ambulance budget, therefore would like to have Reay Mahler in to explain the numbers.
- Would like Assessor Bennett to explain the increase in his budget line.
- The Building Department's budget was increased by 17% and the board was looking for explanation.
- A suggestion was made to maybe bid out the audits.
- Animal Control Car is not in good shape.
- Federal Disaster funds help the highway department purchase equipment.
- All savings at the end of the year get put into the fund balance.

The next budget workshop will be Wednesday, October 25th, at 6:30pm.

Councilmember Cunningham motioned to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. seconded by Councilmember Nahas.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Partridge,
Clerk/Collector