

November 1, 2017

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held November 1, 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:** Patti Fetty, Deputy Town Clerk  
Karen Tirpak, Justice  
Gordon Bennett, Assessor  
Thomas Sutton, Sargent  
Chris Kohrs, Court Clerk  
Joseph van Holsteyn, Highway Superintendent  
3 community members

Supervisor Carr called the 2018 Budget workshop to order at 6:31 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Assessor Bennett explained to the board that the increase in the assessor's budget by over \$10,000 was due to extra needed in 2018 to get the data collection done. . The increase in the Clerk's line is for extra hours needed to input the data for Bennett. She will be working 25 hours a week until all the data is in the system. They have 60% of the properties done, about 1,000 cards left, and will have the rest of these done by May 1<sup>st</sup>. At that point the work is on him, therefore they may not need the entire budgeted amount for 2018 and in 2019 the extra money won't be needed except for maybe a tool Bennett would need for revaluation.

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

- Move \$5,000 from the assessor's budget to the contingency line until needed and keep in touch with the assessor's office regularly to have updates on the progress of the program
- The total for the Ambulance Squad would be \$147,000 with hopes they can do some fundraising in the community.
- Increase the fire companies by 3%

**A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Marriott to continue using the current health care plan, BlueShield of NENY, at 4<sup>th</sup> quarter rates, seconded by Councilmember Cunningham, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Yeas, Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

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**A motion was made by Councilmember Nahas to set the ambulance budget at \$147,000 and increase the fire companies' budgets by 3%, seconded by Councilmember Cunningham, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Yeas, Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

**A motion was made by Councilmember Nahas to accept the preliminary budget with current changes made, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marriott, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Yeas, Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

**A motion was made by Supervisor Marriott to extend the concrete from the addition along the front as van Holsteyn proposed, seconded by Councilmember Breslin, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Yeas, Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

**A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Marriott for van Holsteyn to get quotes on contracting out the tiling to be done on the court addition, have him make the decisions on the lighting, electric and the roof as he sees fit, and add two windows to the plans, seconded by Councilmember Cunningham, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Yeas, Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

**Councilmember Cunningham motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. seconded by Councilmember Nahas.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Partridge, Clerk/Collector