

OCTOBER 11, 2017

2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET APPROVED AS 2018  
PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING FOR WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1, 2017 TO CONSIDER THE 2018  
PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET.

APPLICATION FOR USE OF TOWN HALL BY THE  
MARGARETVILLE TEA PARTY GROUP FOR  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017 APPROVED.

CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED FOR GRANTING AN  
EXCEPTION TO THE ADOPTED BOARD POLICY OF  
NO FURTHER NYSDEC ACQUISITION OF LAND  
APPROVED.

STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM  
PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR A \$70,000.  
GRANT TO REPLACE SALT SHED ROOF  
APPROVED.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION  
ESTABLISHING ENERGY BENCHMARKING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS AND NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED  
SOLAR PERMIT APPROVED.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION TO  
ADOPT THE NEW YORK STATE SOLAR PERMIT  
PROCESS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE TOWN HIGHWAY INVENTORY  
APPROVED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION--PENDING LITIGATION--NO  
BOARD ACTION TAKEN.

The Town Board of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York, held  
their regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Town Hall,  
located on #42339 State Route 28, Margaretville, NY.

The following Board Members were present:

Supervisor.....Carl P. Davis

Council Members.....Jake Rosa, Brian Sweeney, Mike Finberg and  
Kenneth Taylor

Also present were: Attorney for the Town Carey Wagner, Hwy Supt John Biruk, Lillian  
Browne, Charles Bush, Beth Bush, Carl Davis, Cassie Palen, Frank Canavan, Richard  
Rossi, Marjorie Miller, Diane Galusha, Janet Steiglehner, Ernie Steiglehner, Julia  
Reischel and Susanna Finch.

ATTACHED Agenda prepared by Supervisor Davis and Town Clerk.

Supervisor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of 09/06/17 - Public Hearing/Monthly Workshop Meeting and 9/13/17-Town  
Board Meeting were approved as submitted, by a motion made by J. Rosa, seconded by  
M. Finberg. **(5) Ayes - C.P. Davis; Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and  
Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.**

Supervisor's Monthly Financial Reports for 08/2017; Town Clerk's Monthly Reports for 08/2017; Building & Zoning Monthly Reports for 08/2017; Justice Court Monthly Reports for 08/2017 and Arkville and Halcottsville Monthly Water Reports for 08/2017 were approved as submitted, by a motion made by J. Rosa, seconded by B. Sweeney. **(5) Ayes - C.P. Davis; Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.**

Supervisor Davis opened the floor for public comment. Cassie Palen asked why there isn't any open the floor to the public at workshop meetings. Town Attorney stated there is no obligation ever to open the floor to the public at workshops or town board meetings.

The Town Board reviewed the 2018 Tentative Budget. Motion was made by M. Finberg, seconded by B. Sweeney to decrease the 3% salary increase for all employees to 2%; Page 2 - Decrease Buildings - Contractual Exp. A1620.4 from \$125,000. to \$100,000; Page 3 - Increase Other Health - Ambulance - Contractual Exp. A45400.4 from \$70,000. to \$71,400.; Page 6 - Increase State Aid - Mortgage Tax A3005 from \$60,000. to \$80,000.; Page 9 - Increase Machinery - Contractual Exp. - DA5130.4 from \$57,680. to \$158,000.; Summary Sheet in the Less Unexpended Balance Column - Increase General (1) from \$15,000. to \$29,000; Increase Highway-Townwide (3) from \$12,000. to \$22,000.; Increase Highway-Outside Village (4) from \$12,000. to \$22,000. and adopt the amended 2018 Tentative Budget as the Town's 2018 Preliminary Budget. The Town Board instructed the bookkeeper, Beth Bush after adjusting the employee's salary, if it is not under the 1.92% cap, to increase the Less Unexpended Balance Column - General (1). **(5) Ayes - C.P. Davis; Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.** (COPY OF 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK).

Motion was made by M. Finberg, seconded by J. Rosa to schedule a Public Hearing for Wednesday, November 01, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the 2018 Preliminary Town Budget. **(5) Ayes - C.P. Davis; Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.**

Supervisor Davis excused himself and turned the meeting over to Deputy Supervisor Rosa at 6:57 p.m.

Diane Galusha gave an update of the Historical Society activities.

Motion was made by K. Taylor, seconded by B. Sweeney to approve the ATTACHED Application For Use of Town Hall by the Margaretville Area Tea Party Group for Tuesday, October 31, 2017. **(4) Ayes - Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by M. Finberg, seconded by K. Taylor among the criteria to be considered for granting an exception to the adopted board policy of no further NYSDEC acquisition of land in the Town of Middletown are: 1) soil composition of the property in question; 2) access to the property in question; 3) slope of the property in question and 4) hardship incurred by the owner. **(4) Ayes - Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by B. Sweeney, seconded by K. Taylor to approve the ATTACHED State and Municipal Facilities Program Preliminary Application for a grant of \$70,000. to replace the salt shed roof. **(4) Ayes - Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by B. Sweeney, seconded by M. Finberg to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #7 of 2017 - Resolution Establishing Energy Benchmarking Requirements for Certain Municipal Buildings and New York State Unified Solar Permit Application **(4) Ayes - Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by B. Sweeney, seconded by M. Finberg to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #8 of 2017 - Resolution to Adopt the New York State Solar Permit Process. **(4) Ayes - Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.**

Motion was made by K. Taylor, seconded by M. Finberg to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #9 of 2017 - Resolution Amending the Town Highway Inventory. **(4) Ayes - Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.**



Deputy Supervisor Rosa opened the floor for public comment. Julia Reischel and Susanna Finch inquired as to where the Arkville Water District ends, does it go as far as the rec center and by possibly extending the district, would it be beneficial to the existing users.

Motion was made by M. Finberg, seconded by B. Sweeney to enter into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Included in the Executive Session was the Attorney for the Town and the Town Clerk. **(4) Ayes - Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.** Motion for adjournment was made M. Finberg, seconded by B. Sweeney and the Executive Session was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. **(4) Ayes - Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.** There was no Board action taken per the Executive Session.

The monthly vouchers were audited and ordered paid by a motion made by M. Finberg, seconded by B. Sweeney. **(4) Ayes - Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney; Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.** Vouchers approved were #s 553-598, totaling \$190,194.12.

Motion for adjournment was made by M. Finberg, seconded by B. Sweeney. **(4) Ayes - Jake Rosa; Brian Sweeney, Mike Finberg and Kenneth Taylor - (0) Nays.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

DATED: October 23, 2017

  
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PATRICIA F. KELLY  
TOWN CLERK