

The first of the 2013 Town Board Budget Hearings was held October 9, 2012 at the Ballston Town Hall at 323 Charlton Road, Ballston Spa at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review the 2013 Tentative Town Budget as submitted by Budget Officer Patricia Southworth.

Present:

Patricia Southworth	-----	Supervisor
Mary Beth Hynes	-----	Councilwoman
Timothy Szczepaniak	-----	Councilman
William Goslin	-----	Councilman
Carol Shemo	-----	Clerk
Murry Brower	-----	Town Attorney

DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN'S HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

Councilman Goslin stated that he worked for CDPHP in the telecommunications area but he was not a representative of CDPHP.

Mr. Klein, the Town insurance representative, was present to answer the Town Board's questions on the various health care options available. The benefits of the current plan were explained and information was given on two alternate plans with the renewal rates noted. The Town Board will meet with the employees to discuss these health care options.

Highway Superintendent Joseph Whalen was present to answer questions about his budget. The Town Board reviewed his budget and noted that he gave them a ten year plan for his department.

Councilman Goslin said he is looking to provide the Town with a balanced budget. Operational items have to be spent but non-operational items should be put in the Contingency Fund. The Town needs to build up its reserve fund. The Town Board needs to make a list of expenditures and prioritize this list. If sales tax and mortgage tax revenues increase, the Town could use this money for the prioritized list of expenditures and not use the Contingency Fund and thereby build up its reserve fund.

The Board made a list of items to consider and research before the next budget hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Shemo
Town Clerk