

Official-Town of Montezuma Board
Second Budget Workshop
October 10th, 2024 at 6pm

Supervisor David Corey opened the meeting, led by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor: David Corey
Deputy Supervisor/Councilman: Thomas Hitchcock Jr.
Councilman: Thomas Fitzsimmons
Councilman: Christopher Howard (ABSENT)
Councilman: Marvin King

Other Members Present:

Town Clerk: Marie Cronin
Historian: Cheryl Longyear
Highway Superintendent: Kenneth Cook
Water Operator: Stanley Longyear

Agglo.I — Cemeteries Mowing or A7140.1 Parks & Recreation Mowing (per Bookkeeper Patricia Craine we cannot move these accounts to the Highway Fund. Mowing & Weed eating and Maintenance of equipment, once a week for at least 24 weeks should be included into the accounts for mowing. Parts for the mowers comes out of the Contractual acct. So A8810.1- Personal services for mowing - raise from \$3,500.00 to \$7,000.00 and A7140.1 Parks & recs. Personal services for mowing from \$4,000.00 to \$7,000.00. To make this happen we will take the money to accomplish this out of the DA5110.1 personal services.

DA5110.1 — General Repair-personal services lowered from \$50,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

DA5110.4 — General Repairs — Contractual leave at \$15,000.00. used for truck repairs and fuel.

DA5112.2 — CHIPS - Leave this account as is (per Bookkeeper Patricia Craine) and create a new account DA5112.4 — Road Repairs and put \$20,000.00 into this account. No decision made on the above two accounts at this time.

Kenneth Cook stating that everything we are spending we get back, but not guaranteed to get back. Culverts, Roads and Ditching is under the CHIPS. Possibly also have Maranda from CHIPS dept. to come to the meeting and explain to the Board how this all works- Thomas Hitchcock Jr- would like to know if Bookkeeper Patricia Craine can give the Board a list of the accts., and what they are used for. The new truck we ordered last year will replace Truck #2, not sure when the new Truck will be ready. The sales tax money is in savings account to pay for the new Truck. Thomas Fitzsimmons unsure why we want to raise Taxes if we'll have the money for the Truck, it doesn't make sense to

him. David Corey said it will be around \$10,000.00 Town wide and should around \$100100 to \$150,00 per family, per the Bookkeeper Patricia Craine.

Going to keep the accounts the same and not raise taxes at this point. NYCLASS savings account is where the money will go. This is the way for us to save the money for the new Truck. David Corey will speak to Patricia Craine on this issue and see what's a better way to do this.

Is Bookkeeper Patricia Craine juggling money from the General Fund to the Highway Fund. We were raising taxes in the Highway Fund. IF we never raise taxes then eventually we will and it might be more of an expense to the Town when we have too. David Corey will speak to Patricia Craine on all of these issue concerns. Also if we don't raise taxes then it will stay the same as last years Budget 2024. The Highway staff is not getting paid out of Water Fund yet and Bookkeeper is dealing with Civil Service Department about this. If Bookkeeper takes money out of the Water Fund to pay the Highway then she will have to make sure that the staff is qualified first so she can pay them. Have Kenneth Cook call and speak to the Civil Service himself.

Stanley Longyear asking for clarification on the Historian account. The moving of the website last year from A7510.1W to A1620.1.W, but the line for it A7510.1W is still in the other spot and it is confusing. Cheryl Longyear stated that she does other duties like the News Letter monthly, website and her Historian duties. The website is covered and also the Historian wages are covered, does she get paid to do the News Letter out of the Historian account. A7510.4W web Maintenance changed to A1620.42. Where does she get paid for the News Letter. It's not clear, and the next Historian may not take on the Job of doing the News Letter with no pay. Possibly add an acct. to Culture & recreation for events with \$1,000.00 in it and have A7510.44 be the Mentz & Montezuma mutual acct. \$1,500.00. And the acct.'s with zero's, has to have all zero's in it for a period of time before the Bookkeeper Patricia Craine can delete it. Will discuss all above with the Bookkeeper.

DA5142.1 — Snow Removal Personal Services lower from \$70,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

DA9040.8 — Workers Compensation lower from \$7,700.00 to \$6,945.00.

DA9060.8 — Hospital & Medical Insurance up 14%, raised from \$20,122.00 to \$22,940.00.

Hopefully Excellus gets resolved as soon as possible so we won't be put into an out of network.

Two more payments on the 10 wheel dump truck, 2024 & 2025.

DA1001 — Real Property Taxes stays the same at \$160,005.00.

DA3501 - Highway Aid from \$64,000.00 to \$70,000.00.

SWI-1420.4 — Law Contractual acct. leave the same for now.

SWI-8310.1 — Meter Read Personal Services lower from \$4,006.00 to \$3,000.00. The Meter reads we are making progress on fixing all the issues. Muller set us up with a better system.

SWI-8310.11 — Water Clerk Personal Services raise from \$5,150.00 to \$5,450.00.

SWI-8310.4 — Contractual raise from \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00,

The Town of Montezuma should pass out signature sheets asking employees if they need or want anything for their departments, before we start the budget process.

SWI-8320.4 — Source of supply, power & pumping Contractual lower from \$100,000.00 to \$82,000.00.

SWI-8340.1 — Water Operator Personal Services raise from \$25,000.00 to \$26,000.00.

SWI-8340.2 - Equipment lower from \$1,500.00 to \$800.00. If the Town pays for the meter pit installation so, how does the Town get the money back and where does it go. We never see it. Per David Corey we should take it out of Water Maintenance and put into Revenues.

SWI-8340.4 - Contractual lower from \$12,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

SWI-8389.4 — Water Maintenance lower from \$5,000.00 to \$3,000.00.

SWI-9010.8 — State Retirement raise from \$161.00 to \$224.00.

swi-2140 - Meter sales lower from \$130,000.00 to \$120,000.00.

SWI-2148 — Interest & Penalties raise from \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00.

Engineer from C2AE are coming to our Town Board meeting on Tuesday 10/15/2024 at 6pm. The Board will all get copies of everything, lead testing, maps and the Preliminary Engineering Report for Proposed Water Service Area #2. David Ware is going to water school in a couple of weeks.

David Corey asking the Board that all changes have been made, does the Board want to revise this budget and review it one more time, then hold a Public Hearing. Town Board agrees to have the 3rd Budget Work Shop on Thursday October 17th, 2024 at 6pm, to review the Budget for 2025.

All accounts not noted on the above minutes will remain the same.

Motion made by David Corey second by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 4/0.

Minutes submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk:

Marie L. Cronin