

**Official – Town of Montezuma
Second Budget Meeting Workshop**

**October 23rd, 2025
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
Councilman: Marvin King
Town Clerk: Marie Cronin
Code Enforcement Officer: John Greer
Historian: Cheryl Longyear
Highway Superintendent: Kenneth Cook
Deputy Highway Superintendent: David Ware
Water Operator: Stanley Longyear

Resident Present: Thomas Coleman

Vote on Resolution Water Bills added to the Taxes Three residents: Paul Warbon Jr. 907 OLD state RT. 31 Acct. #11630 (renter) owner is Cheri Lofft 895 Old State Rt. 31, Tax Map #86.00-1-60.3 in the amount of \$815.33. Next is for Harold Babbitt Jr. Acct. #11150, 8068 State Rt. 90N, Tax Map #86.00-1-42 in the amount of \$400.97. Last is Tarissa Rice Acct.#10780, 8137 High Street, Tax Map #85.20-1-11 in the amount of \$246.88. Motion made by Thomas Fitzsimmons second by David Corey to have delinquent water bills added to the Taxes for the above (3) three residents. Motion carried 5/0.

Christopher Howard is asking about the insect spraying, did his rates increase, Per David Corey they did not increase,(account A4068.4 contractual) as he was absent at the First Budget meeting workshop- Per David staying the same at \$16,000 incase we need to spray twice this coming year (2026).

DA5130.4 – Machinery Equipment Contractual: Will keep the same at \$15,000 incase we need anything in 2026. Tires needed for the loader (front ones).

Thomas Hitchcock Jr. asking if repair done in front of Highway doors that were bad. Per Kenneth Cook, we cold paved them for now. No leaks seen so far. Asphalt has gone up so in order to repave the Highway Garage and the Town Hall parking lots it would be very expensive.

(\$100,000) for Town Hall and the same for the Highway garage, we can't take it out of CHIPS money.

DA9730.666 – 10 wheel Dump Truck account: The last payment on the truck will be the end of this year 2025. That is why the balance for Budget year 2026 is zero.

SW1- Metered Sales: Raise this account from \$120,000 to \$127,220 then the front page water unexpended fund balance would be zero. Per Bookkeeper Patricia Craine we can't have a negative balance on the funds.

SW1-8310.1 – Meter Read Personal Services: We can keep it at \$3,000. This is the 2 staff that read the meters.

SW1- 8310.4 Water Clerk Contractual Account: Raise from \$4,000 to \$6,000 as new software, laser bills, annual support from Williamson Law Book (for 2026).

What account does the ez-reader, Thomas Fitzsimmons wondering what account we paid for the support out of. (\$1,200), they were giving us the support but we never paid for it. Thomas is also asking if there is anyway to put some of the sales tax money from the General Fund into the Water Maintenance Fund or one of the other accounts in the water fund or a new account. David Corey will check to see if we can do this.

SW1-8389.4 Water Maintenance Account – Contractual: Stays the same at \$3,000. Bought the meters out of this account.

SW1-8340.1 Water Operator Personal Services Account: 3% raise from \$26,000 to \$27,000.

Recommend to have a Public Hearing on the Budget the Thursday after Election Day, So Thursday November 6th, at 6pm and Town Clerk Marie Cronin to put in the Paper (The Citizen).

Highway staff, Kenneth Cook & David Ware, Possibly putting in a water reservoir at the highway garage, between 2nd & 3rd bay, so Town people can come and get water instead of having to go to Port Byron to get it or have it delivered. Quote of possibly \$8,200 for materials (Utility Technelegies LLC), maybe more. Highway staff to do the installation if possible. Possibly around \$25,000 for the whole install. Thomas Fitzsimmons says possibly have to make another account for this, A5132.44 Water Station Contractual account. Have to charge the same amount \$12.15 per 1,000 gallons and a meter for the water station. Port Byron is \$4.00 for every 250 gallons. Put \$25,000 into a new account A5132.44 water station contractual.

Cheryl Longyear asking about a possible park improvement and the water situation, a water fountain on High Street Park and put a sign at the Rt. 31 park stating where the water is located, then they can see more than just the Rt. 31 park. We have the funds to do this and also put in a trash can, bench by the swings, picnic table with open end (handicap accessible) and a bike rack.

(Quote total \$6,442). See sheet that Cheryl passed out to the board. David Corey to discuss this with Bookkeeper Patricia Craine on Cheryl's quote and the above possible water reservoir station quote at highway. There is a grant due November 21st, 2025 amount you can apply for is between \$5,000 and \$24,000 and it's a 50% match, so we would have to match it. \$30 plus pay would be covered for volunteers to install them for us. Does the Town Board think this a good idea. It would have to be put in Budget possibly. Per Stanley Longyear there are 2 accounts that we could take the match out of NYCLASS – Parks & Recreation at \$10,247.21 or the NYCLASS – Savings – Park Development at \$11,390.20, which I think is the logging money received from the trees being removed. Cheryl Longyear said possibly around \$8,500 she'll ask for. Thomas Hitchcock Jr. said we'll talked about improvements for the parks to make our Town be a wanted spot to visit & \$10,000 sounds like a better amount. Per David Corey, lets put \$15,000 into the A7140.4P – (Parks & Rec Equipment account) instead of \$5,000. Also possibly put \$6,000 into A3897 Parks – Grant account. Motion made by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. second by Christopher Howard to allow Cheryl to write the Grant paperwork for this. Also per Thomas Fitzsimmons would like to talk about the \$20,000 grant for the Youth Program Tiffini Sharp was awarded. Per David Corey said, we can't put it into the Budget because we had to spend it first. Thomas Fitzsimmons, said we have to have it in the Budget to pay them and then the State will send us back the Funds. It would have to be put into the Recreations Account A7310.4 or A380, David Corey to discuss this with the Bookkeeper Patricia Craine and let the Board know what she says. And hopefully we get the contract soon from the Grant. Cheryl Longyear said I think the County gets the money from the State.

Thomas Fitzsimmons asking if we can go into Executive Session to discuss raises for two (2) Highway staff. This will have to be put on the Budget. Kenneth Cook stated cutting it close this year so, he has left the 2 highway staff on the Summer Contractual for a longer period of time, because they have more money in this account than in the Winter Contractual account. Christopher Howard asking is Kenneth will be hiring mowers for 2026 season. Kenneth said yes & he has 5 applications to review for 2026 mowing season. Kenneth Cook is more interested in getting Tyler O'Brien snowplow ready before he worries about the hiring of mowing staff. With Thomas Young being gone the pay will be \$2.00 less for Tyler O'Brien then he should be getting.

Per David Corey, would the Board like to go into Executive Session and review this now.

Executive Session Pay increases for Highway Staff: Motion made by Thomas Fitzsimmons at 6:55pm second by David Corey to go into Executive Session. Kenneth Cook Highway Superintendent in Executive session also. Motion carried 5/0.

Kenneth Cook out of Executive Session at 7:05pm.

End Executive Session: Motion made by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. at 7:14pm second by Christopher Howard to end Executive Session. Motion carried 5/0. Decision to make a change on the Highway Expense on page #1

Motion made at 7:15pm by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. second by Christopher Howard to open the second budget workshop meeting back up. Motion carried 5/0.

SW1-8310.111 Deputy Water Clerk: Make new account for Deputy Water Clerk and put \$2,000 into it. Motion made by Thomas Fitzsimmons second by Christopher Howard to appoint Marie Cronin as the Deputy Water Clerk. Motion carried 5/0. This way we have another person to help with the water.

Adjourn meeting: Motion made by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. second by Christopher Howard to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

Town of Montezuma Minutes Submitted by Town Clerk:

Marie L. Cronin