

A budget workshop of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on October 25, 2016 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

The budget workshop was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Town Board Members Present

Alan VanTassel	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Gardner Congdon	Supervisor [arrived at 6:09 p.m.]

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Francine Thibodeau, Principal Account Clerk; Ted Monsour, Part-time laborer/cleaner; Rudy Klick, Special Project Aide

Ted Monsour was present to present his budget requests to the Town Board. The Supervisor had removed \$35,000 from the Transfer Station account TS8160.1. Mr. Monsour had requested \$70,000 for Laborers and Clerks and it was reduced to \$35,000. Mr. Monsour explained that they need at least three people to operate the transfer station. The Town receives \$35,000 from Saratoga County for the recycling. Mr. Monsour stated that someone needs to be at that end to monitor people. If they don't, people will throw things out that don't belong in the bins. He also stated that there was a mention of changing to a punch card system. He stated that if it happens to go that way, you would still need someone present to collect the cash that might be brought in. He stated that with only two people, you can't run the compactor and they also need to push the brush back. Mr. Monsour stated that in an 8 hour period, they push the brush back 2 to 3 times.

Mr. Monsour stated that from 2012 through 2013 the Transfer Station lost money and since then, they've made money. He explained how the dumpster guard has helped because it keeps the rain and snow out of the dumpsters and they don't weight as much. He requested the Board to purchase another for the other dumpster. He's received a quote from the same company that provided the first one and they've given the Town a \$45.00 reduction in the cost. He stated that it took him 9 months to get the first set. He has money in his budget and would like to order another.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Kusnierz authorizing the purchase of a full kit from Dumpster Guard at a cost of \$850.00 plus \$190.00 for freight for a total of \$1,040.00. This will be paid from account TS8160.2 with a balance of \$12,000.00

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman VanTassel	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Congdon	Yes

Mr. Monsour stated that they've taken in extra money from non-residents and thought that the fees should be raised again. Councilman Prendergast was of the opinion that people use the Transfer Station because of the low fees. If the price is reasonable, they'll use the Transfer Station. If the cost goes up, people will go with convenience and use alternate sources for pick-up.

Mr. Monsour stated that he would like to have the payment booth closer to the compactor so that they can do other things if there are no vehicles coming in. The Supervisor stated that it would be easy to do that.

After further discussion of staff and the amount the Town has spent to date, Councilman VanTassel asked that the account for Laborers and Clerks be bumped back up to \$70,000. The Board was in agreement.

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There was discussion of the monitoring and mowing of the Transfer Station and the Supervisor thought that this could be handled in house. It would give the workers something to do when idle. They could fill in gopher holes and plant grass as needed.

Councilman Kusnierz asked about account TS1990 and what it was needed for. Francine Thibodeau stated that they haven't used any of the money yet this year and that the account was created just in case they ran short for payroll and such.

This concluded the Transfer Station portion of the workshop.

The Supervisor stated that the Board needs to complete the Payroll Study and that it should be top priority.

The Supervisor explained to the Board his budgeted amount for buy in to the sewer force main. He has proposed a \$20.00/month per unit fee for a period of 7 years. This will pay back the debt of the General Fund for the force main. He stated that there should have been a hearing before anyone else was allowed to hook into the force main and the use should have been changed. This didn't get done. Councilman Kusnierz asked where the money would go and the Supervisor replied that it would go back into the General Fund. They would be collecting about \$175,000.00 and this would make the General Fund whole after 7 years. Councilman Kusnierz asked if the fees were reflected in the budget figures and the Supervisor replied "yes". The revenues are listed under the Town Clerk's account A2770.

Councilman VanTassel asked if this fee has anything to do with the money that was paid back to Schermerhorn and the answer was no. Councilman Kusnierz asked if the projected sewer rates are reflected in the budget and Ms. Thibodeau replied that the amounts the Clerk collects annually are in the budget.

Councilman Kusnierz asked how much sales tax money the Supervisor was planning on sending to the County and Ms. Thibodeau replied \$600,000.00. Councilman Kusnierz asked if the Town had a tax stabilization account and Ms. Thibodeau replied "yes" and that she thought there was approximately \$97,000.00. There was discussion as to where the excess sales tax should go and Ms. Thibodeau stated she thought it should go into the tax stabilization account with a resolution.

Ms. Thibodeau asked the Board if \$600,000.00 would be the amount of sales tax to be sent back to the County and the Board replied that it was.

The budget workshop concluded at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe
Town Clerk