

A budget workshop was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on October 3, 2018 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

The Supervisor called the workshop to order at 7:30 pm.

**Town Board Members Present**

John Hogan	Councilman
Alan VanTassel	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Kyle Noonan	Councilman
Theodore Kusnierz	Supervisor

**Also present:** Tammy Daley, Deputy Town Clerk; Jeffrey Cruz, Principal Account Clerk. Matthew Dreimiller, Building Inspector and Code Enforcer; Paul Joseph, Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Kusnierz stated he is committed and believes the Board is also committed to stay under the tax cap of 2%. He also stated the tax rate is increasing 1 cent per \$1,000.00 assessed value. It equates to a \$2.00 increase for a house that is assessed at \$200,000.00.

Supervisor Kusnierz stated he wanted to go through the tentative budget with the Department heads, and see what they had requested. The first one discussed was the Building and Zoning. They first discussed account B3620. The Supervisor stated the salaries will stay in place for now, with a 2% raise for everyone. They will discuss salaries at the end of the budget process. There was a request under equipment for a new computer and software. Councilman VanTassel thinks that the price is in there two times under different line items. That was going to get verified and taken out if it is budgeted twice.

The Building Inspector Matt had asked for a new truck in his requests. The State contract price is around \$26,000. He stated the truck they have now is a 2002, and when the truck was inspected in December it was said they didn't know for how long that the truck would pass inspection. Also if and when they hire a person to do part time Code Enforcement, he and that person might be out in the field at the same time and would need to have a vehicle to drive. Matt stated he drives his own personal vehicle to all jobs and seminars because he doesn't trust the Town truck, especially on the Northway. The request for the new truck will stay in the 2019 budget for now. Matt also stated he would like to see his clerk Kathy Perez receive a higher raise than the 2% budgeted.

Matthew Dreimiller left the workshop at 8:15 p.m.

The next budget discussed was the Highway Department. Account 5010 was discussed first. Paul had requested a new computer for \$1200.00. Supervisor Kusnierz didn't have that in the tentative budget. Paul explained that he still has a computer that is running Vista, and they can't get updates on it. Supervisor Kusnierz asked if any computers were purchased for the Highway Department in the past five years. Paul stated yes, they had bought one for Maureen the Highway Clerk last year because hers had burned out and could not be fixed. There was some discussion on laptop or desk top computer. They are leaving the laptop in and not adding the \$1200.00 in for a desk top computer as of now. Paul was going to do some research on laptop versus desktop to see which one would do the jobs he needs to do on them.

Paul also had a request in for a GPS unit for \$400.00. Supervisor Kusnierz did not have it in the tentative budget. Paul explained that it was for updating the maps at Saratoga County for the drywalls and signs. There was some discussion on if Paul could use his smart phone and download an app that could give him longitude and latitude for what he needs to do. Councilwoman LeClair stated there was a grant where the Town received she thinks three GPS's. They were going to look into if the Town still has them. Paul was also going to look into an app on his phone for GPS and latitude and longitude to see if could do the jobs that he needs to do to send that information to the County.

The next account discussed was A5132. There is \$16,200.00 line item for garage repairs. This will be to do repairs on the boiler in the garage. Paul stated that it runs nonstop. He had two people come in and assess it for him, and both said that it was set up wrong. Paul also stated if it breaks down it's the only source of heat for the garage, which includes floor heat.

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Supervisor Kusnierz briefly talked about why he didn't put money in for roof repairs. He stated that they are waiting for a Sam Grant for \$200,000. To get the grant will probably take about a year and half. The only thing with this Grant is the work can't be completed to get it.

The next account was DB5110. Paul has requested to add one full time employee and two part time employees. He stated in the winter when there is a storm, it takes four hours round trip for them to do their routes. If they have to do two rounds it runs into overtime. The part timers would be for wingman and flagman at part time wage, the full timer would be MEO. Paul also stated with the extra full time person they could go out two times during a storm and not have any overtime because he could use the spare truck they have and add an extra route. In the summer time he could have two crews out doing jobs. With what he has now he can't do that, there are always guys on vacation in the summer. This puts him behind with work. Supervisor Kusnierz stated that this is big ticket item. Councilman VanTassel thinks this needs to be discussed in further detail, there is a lot to consider.

Drywells were discussed next. Paul had \$3,600.00 for these. Supervisor Kusnierz cut it to \$1,500.00. Paul stated there is a lot of fall work that needs to come out of the 2018 budget yet. This is why these accounts still have a lot of money in them. With some discussion on the drywells, they were increased to \$3,000 from the \$1,500. Paul stated he would like more money in trees. He doesn't want to cut down trees that aren't safe for the workers to cut down. They raised that account to \$8,000 up from \$7,500. Guardrails were next, Paul is waiting on some prices for them. He believes that that fund needs more than the \$5,000. Guardrails was increased from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

The next was account DB5112. Palmerton Heights had to be raised to \$325,000. This is for work that needs to be done there.

The next account they discussed was DB5130. Paul requested paint to be \$1,000. The tentative budget had only \$500 in it. After some discussion it was raised to \$800. Parts were changed from \$35,000 to \$36,000.

Paul Joseph left the workshop at 9:20 p.m.

The Town Clerk budget was discussed next. Supervisor Kusnierz stated he put just about everything in the tentative budget that The Town Clerk had asked for. The salaries will remain the same for now with a 2% raise in that department. There were a few things changed. The BAS Water support program will now come out of the Water Department instead of Town Clerk. Also changed in account A6989 was a price for shelving from \$3,400 to \$3,200 because that was the lowest quote.

The last tentative budget discussed was for the Moreau Community Center. They had asked for a 2% increase. The Supervisor and the Board had no problem with that.

The workshop concluded at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Daley  
Deputy Town Clerk

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