

A budget workshop was held by the Town board of the Town of Moreau on October 6, 2010 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York, for the purpose of discussing the 2011 Tentative Budget for the Town of Moreau and Highway Department.

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Town Board Members Present**

Preston Jenkins	Supervisor
Tom Cumm	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman (arrived at 6:38 p.m.)

**Town Board Members Absent**

Bob Prendergast            Councilman

**Also present:** Barbara Porter, Deputy Town Clerk; Fran Thibodeau, Account Clerk; and Paul Joseph, Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the highway asked for \$290,500.00 and he put in \$275,000.00 which he felt was adequate. This amount is pending the contract agreement.

Highway Improvements—Burley & Guminiak estimated the culvert on Clark Road to be \$317,000.

Councilman Cumm asked if the blacktopping is to be \$187,400.00?

Paul Joseph stated that it was going to be \$568,236.00. This is with the 6 top overlays.

Councilman Cumm asked if this was for Michael Road, John Kay, Barrington Drive, Wallingford Court, Karen Lane and Lisa Drive.

Paul stated yes, with type A nova chip it will be \$568, 236.00.

Paul stated that Barrington Drive, Wallingford Court, Karen Lane and Lisa Drive are all still a binder and they are coming apart.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that he thought it would be very tough to do all of the roads listed.

Councilman Kusnierz asked Fran for the total appropriations for the year 2010 for the Highway.

Fran stated it was \$1,652,281.00. Last year's appropriations were \$1,747,071.00.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that we keep cutting back and the hole keeps getting deeper and deeper.

Paul stated that materials are getting more expensive.

Paul stated that he was going to have approximately \$60,000.00 left from blacktopping. He stated he could do more blacktopping or re-appropriate the money. Hatchery Road needs to be fixed and reopened.

The municipal lease would be for the tractor.

A lease for the Tandem Dump Truck with plows for 4 years would be \$56,000.00 at 3.57% and for 5 years would be \$46,000 at 3.62%. These are rough estimates.

There is \$50,000.00 that was put aside last year.

Paul stated that he had \$36,000.00 if he doesn't put the box on the truck.

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Councilman Cumm asked if we purchased the tandem, could the dump be converted into a boom truck.

Paul stated that it could be converted.

Councilman Kusnierz asked Paul to rank his needs. He said that the Tandem and the Boom Mower would be first and second. The small dump truck would rank third and the pick-up truck would rank fourth.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that this would cut \$239,000.00.

Councilman Cumm asked what a distance measuring instrument with mapping is.

This instrument is located inside the truck and will measure roads more accurately. We are off by 15-20 feet with the hand held measuring we are doing now.

Hatchery Road and Old West Road have to be done this year. Grinding has to be done.

Nova chipping has to be done on Fedor Road and Burt Road (Reservoir to Route 197) and the rest of the way to the bridge.

Washburn Road will probably need more work. The garbage trucks are coming in from Route 9 to West Road to Washburn Road loaded. Casella has trucks coming in empty then going out Washburn to West Road to Route 9 to the Northway. There is no weight limit on the road.

The Hatchery Road culvert will be approximately \$80,000.00-\$125,000.00.

Councilman Kusnierz said we need the tandem and the boom mower and he is leaning towards leasing.

Fran asked if we would go for the 4 years or 5 years.

Paul stated that we would own the equipment even though we are leasing.

Supervisor Jenkins stated we would go with 5 years --\$46,000.00.

Councilman Cumm asked what the small dump truck would be doing. It is used to plow the Court, Town Hall (if Jesse is not available), Emergency Squad and the Fire Company.

Fran asked if the boom tractor is a lease.

It is and the lease is \$25,918.00 for 4 years.

Paul stated that the overlays should be done on Michael Road, John Kay Road, Barrington Drive, Wallingford Court, Karen Lane, and Lisa Drive.

Paul stated that he has had two people look at their phone system. The fax machine will not work for some reason and they cannot figure out why.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the prices that were received for the phone system seemed very high. His son had bought a board and 12 phones on the internet for Supervisor Jenkins' office on Route 9. It cost about \$1,200.00 three and a half years ago. If something happens to a phone you just send the phone back and they send a replacement so there is no maintenance agreement

There is software available to keep up-to-date records on the roads and all of the equipment. This software would cost \$14,000.00.

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Councilman Cumm asked if these reports were mandatory.

Paul said that the sign report was going to be mandatory. He has to get the signs up to date first.

Paul stated that the phones do not work properly. Maureen's phone and his phone were both humming when he went to work the other day.

Supervisor Jenkins thinks we ought to look for a better price for a phone system.

Paul stated that the frequency for the radios is being changed.

Supervisor Jenkins will check with Public Safety regarding this matter.

The software and telephone system were taken out.

A5010—Contractural—Special Matters was increased by \$1100.00.

A5132—Contractural—Maintenance Agreements for generators increased by \$225.00.

A5132—Contractural—Cleaning increased by \$2500.00. This is for cleaning of the oil separator twice a year. This is a DEC regulation.

Reflective signs are now mandatory. They all have to be replaced by 2013. The stop signs have to be replaced by 2012.

A3310—Contractural—road signs increased by \$8,500.00.

DB5142—Contractural—Salt—decreased by \$27,000.00 to \$153,000.00.

The question was asked if Paul had the authority to authorize overtime.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that he did.

The Highway Union Employees Payroll was decreased by \$15,500.00 to \$275,000.00 pending contract.

Contractural—Highway requested \$2500.00 for miscellaneous and it was reduced to \$500.00.

The Road Materials & Shoulders was reduced from \$34,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Supervisor Jenkins stated that if Paul really thought he needed that much he would increase the amount.

Paul stated that he would work with the \$30,000.00 and if he needed more he could transfer money from the contingency budget.

The Highway Improvements—overlays were decreased by \$84,900.00, putting Karen Lane and Lisa Drive on hold. The blacktop/overlays were decreased by \$293,200.00 from \$480,600 to \$187,400.00.

The Clark Road culvert was reduced from \$317,000.00 to \$300,000.00.

The Highway Machinery was decreased by \$328,828.00 eliminating the small dump truck with plow, ¾ ton extended cab pickup and the boom mower with tractor. The tandem dump truck with plows will be a lease at \$46,000.00 per year for 5 years and the boom mower with tractor will also be a lease at \$25,918.00 for 4 years.

The Highway Employee Benefits—State Retirement went up to 15.8 per cent.

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The budget workshop ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Porter  
Deputy Town Clerk