

Special Meeting of the Town of Chester Town Board was held on **November 3, 2016** at 7:00 pm at the Town of Chester Municipal Center, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, New York.

Roll Call: Supervisor Craig Leggett, Edna Wells, Mike Packer and Karen DuRose. Steve Durkish absent.

Public Hearing:

Supervisor Leggett opened the Public Hearing of the Preliminary Budget of 2017 at 7:01 pm. The Supervisor presented everyone with a copy of the preliminary budget and a budget summary to view during the hearing. Mr. Leggett stated that the way the tax cap works is 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

Supervisor Leggett covered the preliminary budget line by line and stated that the fund balance needs to be enough to get the Town through the first few months of the new year until taxes are collected. The Board agreed to balance the budget under the tax cap.

The highlighted recommended changes from the tentative to the preliminary budget are as follows:

1) \$109,000 was removed from highway because the Town is purchasing a loader in 2016. If needed we will appropriate funds for this year. 2) \$44,000 for a metal garage was removed from highway in the general fund. \$20,000 will be put in from this year and \$20,000 for next year to compensate. 3) The Town Board members and Supervisor personal services were increased from 0.5% to 2%. 4) Attorney fees were increased. 5) Election fees were decreased because we only have two districts. 6) Reduce Chestertown Water by \$6,000. 7) Increase revenue sale of equipment by \$6,000.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Packer, the Public Hearing closed at 8:21 pm.

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New Business:

Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA:

Mr. Leggett presented the Board with the agreement under Article X / Pension and Insurance, Section 2. Health Insurance. Two plans were presented, one with a high deductible and one with a co-pay.

RESOLUTION #191: RESOLVE TO OFFER ELIGIBLE TOWN EMPLOYEES MVP PLATINUM 5 LIBERTY EPO OR MVP HDHP SILVER 8 LIBERTY EPO AS CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S OFFERING AND OFFER DELTA DENTAL PEDIATRIC DENTAL ONLY TO AGE 19 AS WAS FROM LAST YEAR.

On a motion by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mrs. Wells, Resolve to offer eligible Town employees MVP Platinum 5 Liberty EPO or MVP HDHP Silver 8 Liberty EPO as changes from last year's offering and offer Delta Dental Pediatric Dental only to age 19 as was from last year.

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On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

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