



Town Board

Preliminary Budget Meeting

November 1, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Chester convened at the Town of Chester Municipal Center, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, New York at 7 pm.

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

Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget:

Supervisor Leggett opened the Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Clerk read the Public Hearing Notice and then Supervisor Leggett started by explaining the excel spreadsheets that he provided for the 2018 Budget.

Summary of PRELIMINARY Town Budget 2018									
Code	Fund	Appropriations	Less Estimated Revenues	Less Unexpended Balance	Amount to be Raised by Taxes 2018	Assessed Value 2018	Estimated Tax Rate 2018	Tax Rate 2017	Difference 2018-2017
A	General	\$2,140,084	\$1,840,586	\$0	\$299,498	\$740,474,703	\$0.40		
DA	Highway	\$1,927,900	\$980,065	\$0	\$947,835	\$740,474,703	\$1.28		
CD	Cmnty Dev	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$740,474,703	\$0.00		
L	Library	\$77,602	\$73,223	\$4,379	\$0	\$740,474,703	\$0.00		
V	Debt Service				\$0	\$740,474,703	\$0.00		
	Subtotal	\$4,148,586	\$2,893,874	\$7,379	\$1,247,333	\$740,474,703	511.68¹	51.418	\$0.20
CW	Chester Water	\$230,586	\$58,910	\$142,595	\$29,081	\$37,482,919	\$0.78	\$0.73	\$0.04
PW	Pottersville Water	\$76,115	\$27,827	\$23,307	\$24,981	\$11,426,126	\$2.19	\$2.06	\$0.13
SF	Riverside Fire	\$12,000			\$12,000	\$22,983,366	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.00
SF	North Creek Fire	\$30,000			\$30,000	\$45,551,469	\$0.66	\$0.52	\$0.14
SP	Loon Lake Park	\$153,280	\$41,767	\$41,900	\$69,613	\$240,070,324	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.00
SP	Schroon Lake Park	\$2,180	\$0	\$0	\$2,180	\$62,760,716	\$0.03	\$0.04	(\$0.01)
	Subtotal	\$504,161	\$128,504	\$207,802	\$167,855	\$420,274,920	\$4.47	\$4.16	\$0.31
	TOTALS	\$4,652,747	\$3,022,378	\$215,181	\$1,415,188		\$6.15	\$5.64	\$0.51
-	Chestertown Fire	\$437,710			\$437,710	\$529,301,808	\$0.83	\$0.83	\$0.00
-	Pottersville Fire	\$319,281			\$319,281	\$183,098,785	\$1.74	\$1.75	(\$0.01)
	Subtotal	\$756,991	\$0	\$0	\$756,991	\$712,400,593	\$2.57	\$2.58	(\$0.01)
	GRAND TOTALS	\$5,409,738	\$3,022,378	\$215,181	\$2,172,179		\$8.72	\$8.22	\$0.51

The big increases are employee benefits, debt services (biomass boiler) and health insurance. The front corner of the Health Center is sinking so need to take that into consideration.

Fund balance for the highway and general fund would not be used. The Town is over the tax cap by \$0.20 per \$1,000.

A lengthy discussion ensued on sales tax, health insurance, asking for additional money from Horicon for youth commission and the health center in the future, transfer station and if Dynamite Hill and the beach could be under occupancy tax.

Supervisor Leggett asked what direction the Board wanted him to take. Rand Fosdick stated it would be hard to cut back the expenses in the budget and suggested looking at ways the Town could increase the revenue. Nancie Welch suggested charging for the boat wash which led to a lengthy discussion.

Mrs. DuRose asked about highway buying a truck this year. Supervisor Leggett stated that highway would not be purchasing a pickup truck this year and next year they would be buying a loader. Mrs. DuRose asked if our assessor could do the data collecting.

Lengthy discussion continued on the transfer station.

Mrs. DuRose asked if there was money in the budget for the YMCA. Supervisor Leggett stated not at this time. Mrs. Wells would also like to see money in the budget for the YMCA.

RESOLUTION NO. 177 OF 2017: SET NOVEMBER 8, 2017 AT 5 PM AS DATE AND TIME TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise on the calendar and website for the continuation of the Preliminary Budget.

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mr. Durkish, Resolution No. 177 of 2017 was **ADOPTED**.

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On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mrs. Wells, preliminary budget hearing adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk