



Town Board
2020 Budget Workshop
November 7, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Chester convened at the Town of Chester Municipal Center, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, New York, at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call: Supervisor Craig Leggett, Karen DuRose, Mike Packer, Larry Turcotte and Deputy Supervisor Marion Eagan.

Budget Workshop:

Supervisor Leggett opened the Budget workshop at 5:00 pm Karen DuRose leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Leggett said the Town was still fifty-one dollars (\$51.00) under the tax cap in the preliminary 2020 Town Budget presented.

Mr. Packer asked about Riverside Fire. Supervisor Leggett replied that he met with Rich Swan, President of the Fire Commissioners for Chestertown Fire District and we will keep the \$5,000.00 in there until everyone sits down and discusses the situation to make sure it works out for everyone in the protection areas. Craig pointed out that no one is double taxed for Fire Districts in our Town.

Craig took out capital expenses from the budget and would like to wait until we know more about the sale tax for the fourth quarter and expenses. Jason Monroe, Highway Superintendent, toured the roads and we are at least \$150,000.00 into fixing the roads from the storm and we still need to back in the spring to repair the roads.

Craig commented that all the personal services in general fund are up \$18,000.00 over last year. A lot of that is from a bump up in the parks and rec. department to give a better buffer on the over time. Mike asked if Brett Hitchcock took his truck home. Craig replied that sometimes he does. Mike said we never gave him permission. Craig said employee benefits are up 0.8% or \$3,400.00.

Mr. Packer would like to see all the employees receive the same raise of 2.75%. He does not think the confidential secretary should get more. Supervisor Leggett replied that he asked last year for a raise to bring his confidential secretary up to what is fair and it wasn't given last year so he is asking again this year. Mike asked about records management and budget officer. Supervisor Leggett said the budget officer was always a line item and records management was added because of moving the records twice, going through the records that were from when Supervisor Monroe retired, cataloging the records when the move is finished and work on digitalizing the record. Mike and Karen are not happy with the raise for the confidential secretary and the assessor clerk but they are with the raise for the enforcement officer. Mr. Turcotte said it looks good as is with under a percent on both A and DA funds.

A lengthy discussion ensued about the wages for assessor clerk and confidential secretary.

Supervisor Leggett said that the town wide tax increase is only 1.62% over last.

Supervisor Leggett made a motion to accept the General Fund of the Preliminary 2020 Town Budget as presented. Mr. Turcotte seconded the motion.

Councilwoman DuRose	NO
Supervisor Leggett	AYE
Councilman Packer	NO
Councilman Turcotte	AYE

No action taken.

RESOLUTION NO. 191 OF 2019: ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY FUND OF THE PRELIMINARY 2020 TOWN BUDGET AS PRESENTED

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has provided the Town Board with a Preliminary 2020 Town Budget, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the Highway Fund of the Preliminary 2020 Budget as presented.

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 191 of 2019 was ADOPTED.

Councilwoman DuRose	AYE
Supervisor Leggett	AYE
Councilman Packer	AYE
Councilman Turcotte	AYE

RESOLUTION NO. 192 OF 2019: ACCEPT THE LIBRARY FUND OF THE PRELIMINARY 2020 TOWN BUDGET AS PRESENTED

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has provided the Town Board with a Preliminary 2020 Town Budget, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the Library Fund of the Preliminary 2020 Budget as presented.

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 192 of 2019 was ADOPTED.

Councilwoman DuRose	AYE
Supervisor Leggett	AYE
Councilman Packer	AYE
Councilman Turcotte	AYE

RESOLUTION NO. 193 OF 2019: ACCEPT THE CHESTERTOWN WATER DISTRICT FUND OF THE PRELIMINARY 2020 TOWN BUDGET AS PRESENTED

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has provided the Town Board with a Preliminary 2020 Town Budget, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the Chestertown Water District Fund of the Preliminary 2020 Budget as presented.

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 193 of 2019 was ADOPTED.

Councilwoman DuRose	AYE
Supervisor Leggett	AYE
Councilman Packer	AYE
Councilman Turcotte	AYE

RESOLUTION NO. 194 OF 2019: ACCEPT THE POTTERSVILLE WATER DISTRICT FUND OF THE PRELIMINARY 2020 TOWN BUDGET AS PRESENTED

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has provided the Town Board with a Preliminary 2020 Town Budget, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the Pottersville Water District Fund of the Preliminary 2020 Budget as presented.

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 194 of 2019 was ADOPTED.

Councilwoman DuRose	AYE
Supervisor Leggett	AYE
Councilman Packer	AYE
Councilman Turcotte	AYE

RESOLUTION NO. 195 OF 2019: ACCEPT THE RIVERSIDE FIRE DISTRICT FUND OF THE PRELIMINARY 2020 TOWN BUDGET AS PRESENTED

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has provided the Town Board with a Preliminary 2020 Town Budget, **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board accepts the Riverside Fire District Fund of the Preliminary 2020 Budget as presented.

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 195 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

Councilwoman DuRose	AYE
Supervisor Leggett	AYE
Councilman Packer	AYE
Councilman Turcotte	AYE

RESOLUTION NO. 196 OF 2019: ACCEPT THE NORTH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT FUND OF THE PRELIMINARY 2020 TOWN BUDGET AS PRESENTED

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has provided the Town Board with a Preliminary 2020 Town Budget, **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board accepts the North Creek Fire District Fund of the Preliminary 2020 Budget as presented.

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 196 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

Councilwoman DuRose	AYE
Supervisor Leggett	AYE
Councilman Packer	AYE
Councilman Turcotte	AYE

RESOLUTION NO. 197 OF 2019: ACCEPT THE LOON LAKE PARK DISTRICT FUND OF THE PRELIMINARY 2020 TOWN BUDGET AS PRESENTED

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has provided the Town Board with a Preliminary 2020 Town Budget, **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board accepts the Loon Lake Park District Fund of the Preliminary 2020 Budget as presented.

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 197 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

Councilwoman DuRose	AYE
Supervisor Leggett	AYE
Councilman Packer	AYE
Councilman Turcotte	AYE

RESOLUTION NO. 198 OF 2019: ACCEPT THE SCHROON LAKE PARK DISTRICT FUND OF THE PRELIMINARY 2020 TOWN BUDGET AS PRESENTED

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has provided the Town Board with a Preliminary 2020 Town Budget, **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board accepts the Schroon Lake Park District Fund of the Preliminary 2020 Budget as presented.

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 198 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

Councilwoman DuRose	AYE
Supervisor Leggett	AYE
Councilman Packer	AYE
Councilman Turcotte	AYE

Supervisor Leggett discussed how the retirees at today's meeting still have hard feelings about when the HRA was eliminated. A lengthy discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Packer, meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

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