

November 7, 2024

Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting

Present: Supervisor Aubertine, Councilman Wiley, Councilman Wood, Councilwoman Miller and approximately 6 visitors.

Absent: Councilman Maloney, excused.

Supervisor Aubertine asked everyone to rise for the pledge of allegiance at 6:30pm.

Councilman Wood made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2025 budget at 6:30pm, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

Supervisor Aubertine explained that the public hearing was to hear and address questions and/or concerns on the 2025 budget.

No one wished to speak.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to close the 2025 Budget Public Hearing and open the special meeting at 6:32pm, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members present voted AYE.

Supervisor Aubertine said that he would like to say a few words about J. Neil Mason former Highway Superintendent who had just passed away. Supervisor Aubertine said that he remembers Neil as a good advocate for Cape Vincent, and stated that he was just a Good Guy.

Supervisor Aubertine congratulated and welcomed Ron Jacobs to the Town Board.

Councilman Wiley said that he was looking forward to working with Ron.

Supervisor Aubertine thanked Councilwoman Heather Miller for serving on the board. He also told her that he appreciated her stepping up and hopes that she will run for one of the open seats on the board next year.

Councilmen Wiley and Wood also thanked Councilwoman Miller for serving on the board. They told her she was an asset to the board.

Supervisor Aubertine told the board that the National Parks did not approve of the fence for Tibbetts Point, because no background information was submitted. Supervisor Aubertine said that when he explained the steps the town took, and why, they understood and an approval for a temporary fence will be coming along with acceptable samples. Supervisor Aubertine said that he is certain that the town will be able to move forward and that the project would be closed out.

Resolutions

Resolution #62

Resolution #62 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Miller. Resolution #62 is to authorize the Supervisor to pay Jefferson County the amount of \$16,907.38 from account 1989.4 for tax map maintenance for the 2025 fiscal year.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Resolution #63

Resolution #63 was to adopt the 2025 Preliminary Budget with the following wages/salaries:

Clerk to the Supervisor

\$59,000.00 Annually

Asst. Record Keeper	\$15.00 per hour
MEO's	\$27.00 per hour
Part Time MEO	\$26.60 per hour
Working Foreperson	\$28.00 per hour
Extra Snow Help MEO	\$27.00 per hour
Extra Snow Help	\$20.50 per hour
Transfer Site Manager/Operator	\$30,030.00 Annually
Planning Board Secretary	\$3,500.00 Annually
Zoning Board Secretary	\$2,200.00 Annually
Town Historian	\$1,640.00 Annually
Supt. Public Works and Water Districts	\$69,000.00 Annually
Asst. Public Works	\$59,000.00 Annually
Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$16,500.00 Annually
Asst. Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$20.00 per hour
Dog Control Officer	\$25,709.00 Annually
Deputy Dog Control Officer	\$20.00 per hour
Dog Control Clerk	\$1,000.00 Annually
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$19.00 per hour
Part Time Clerk to the Assessor	\$18.50 Annually
Assessor	\$38,200.00 Annually
Court Clerk	\$12,930.00 Annually

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE

Resolution #65

Resolution #65 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #65 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign and mail a letter to George Robinson, national Park Service, requesting the National Park Service evaluate the transfer of the Tibbetts Point Property from the town to the New York State Parks.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Resolution #64

Resolution #64 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #64 is to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a Hydraulic Pump for the John Deere excavator in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jean Ebert as the town's Historian effective January 1, 2025, seconded by Councilman Wiley.

The board wants to thank Jean for her many years of service as the Historian and they all agreed she served the town well in her position.

The board discussed a letter received from Mickey Orvis requesting the redistricting of the Rosiere Light District. The board will move forward with the project and contact the attorney for guidance.

Councilman Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:45pm for personnel matters, seconded by Councilman Wiley.

Supervisor Aubertine asked Christine Stark and Patricia Bach to join them in Executive Session. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:45pm, seconded by Councilwoman Miller.

All members present voted AYE.

Supervisor Aubertine made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk