

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE  
10/25/2018**

**Present:** Supervisor Dickinson, Councilperson Crocitto, Councilperson Muratori, Councilperson Stannard and Councilperson Hurley, James Martino, Buildings & Grounds, Dan Barusch, Director of Planning & Zoning, Assessor, Lori Barber, Jenn Farrell, Comptroller Katharine Erceg, Secretary to the Supervisor - minutes.

Supervisor Dickinson opened the workshop meeting at 3:30pm. No members of the public were present.

Jenn Farrell, the Comptroller addressed the Board regarding the budget. The Budget is due to the Town no later than November 15th for Public Hearing. She explained the Gateway money and how it has impacted the budget for next year. It was recorded as a receivable last year by the previous comptroller. She said that she was going to rework the budget before the next workshop, which is scheduled for Monday, October 29 at 3:30.

Jenn had also asked that all non-mandatory training be postponed due to budget constraints. The Board agreed that this was a good idea.

Lori Barber, Assessor then addressed the Board with her projected budget for 2019 and explained what she was cutting and what was a matter of necessity.

James Martino, head of Buildings & Grounds addressed the Board regarding his projected budget for 2019. He stated that he has let some of the seasonal staff go which has cut \$10,000 and that Phil Goucher, who retired last April and had been working seasonally would now be fully retired and one other staff member is not returning which totals a \$26,000 savings. He also stated that he would not be ordering a 4x4 this year.

Dan Barusch, Director of Planning and Zoning then addressed the Board regarding his department's budget for 2019. The Board discussed the legal fees from year to year and that he is trying to keep those expenses down if he can. He explained the grant funding to the board and what gets matched etc...the expenditures to the Town are very low. He also stated that the planning and zoning board members are mandated to attend training every year and that the Town traditionally pays for it. He will come back to the Board on this subject.

Supervisor Dickinson stated that he has concerns about the printer/copier contracts and would like to try and unify each department.

The Board then went through the budget with the Comptroller and the requests for funding by different groups and discussed moving some of the cost to occupancy tax.

The Board then discussed the staff salaries and salary increases and the health insurance, the Comptroller has budgeted for 11% and should be about 6%. The Board discussed what would have to be cut to stay at the same rate. Jenn and Councilperson Crocitto discussed DB fund and where certain funds were located.

The Comptroller explained that the numbers from last year were not accurate and that has affected the budget for the coming year.

The Board then discussed a possible BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) for the French Mountain Project and possibly a BAN for another project. Supervisor Dickinson will contact Bob Hafner to discuss.

The Board adjourned at 6:00pm on a motion made by Councilperson Muratori and seconded by Councilperson Stannard.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Foley, RMC  
Town Clerk

Minutes taken and typed by Katharine Erceg