

Town of Norfolk
Norfolk Town Board
2022 Budget Work Session

The Norfolk Town Board held a 2021 Budget Work Session on Wednesday, September 9, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Charles Pernice, Councilman Donald Purvis, Councilwoman Jean Gang, Councilman Paul Paige.

Also present were Highway Superintendent Peter Darabon, Town Clerk Jill Molnar and Budget Officer William Dashnaw.

Deputy Supervisor Robert Harvey was not present.

Budget Officer Dashnaw distributed the current worksheet (draft tentative budget) to all. The worksheet was reviewed line by line with attention being drawn to the specific areas that were updated from the previous Budget Work Session held August 12, 2021 as well as areas that generation additional discussion.

Supervisor Pernice noted that the board should consider providing some type of compensation for the members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. There is no single common policy amongst other towns in the area although many do provide something. He suggested \$25 per member per event and \$50 per chairperson per event (with event being a meeting or work session). Currently both boards only meet on an "as needed" basis with no established regular meeting dates. Given that that Planning Board never meets more than once per month and the Zoning Board of Appeals generally meets less than that, it was agreed that \$4,000 should be enough.

Supervisor Pernice recommended raising pay rate for the Deputy Town Clerk and Town Supervisor's Secretary to \$16.99/hr. It was agreed to by the rest of the board members.

The decision made in the August 12, 2021 Budget Work Session portion of the Town Board Meeting to remove the \$500 paid annually to the Deputy Town Supervisor and instead pay the \$500 to the 4 Town Board Members (3 Councilmen and 1 Councilwoman) @ \$125 each and not to include the

Town Supervisor was rescinded with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

Supervisor Pernice noted for the record that rescinding the previous decision results in a 2.5% increase in salary for the 4 Town Board Members (the same as for the rest of all town employees and elected officials - down from what would have been a 5.17% increase.

A proposed change to eliminate the \$500 paid annually to the Deputy Town Supervisor was made with a motion by Councilwoman Gang and Councilman Paige. All in Favor – Carried

There was discussion about what should be included in EQ vs CE accounts. Budget Officer William Dashnaw indicated that for office type items, any purchases over \$1,000 should use the EQ accounts. All other expenses would be CE.

\$100,000 was allocated for more sidewalk repair work. Estimate this would allow for ~ 1,000 linear feet.

There was additional discussion about work that needs to be done on the area. There may/should be grant \$ available to do the roof work. We also need to find \$ for painting the exterior of the area and well as repave the parking lot.

The next Budget Work Session set for 10/14/2021 at the Town Hall.

Budget Work Session was closed with a motion by Supervisor Pernice and Councilwoman Gang. AIF – Carried

Dated: 10/13/2021

Jill M. Molnar – Norfolk Town Clerk