

## **HAGUE TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING**

### **November 6, 2019**

The 2020 Budget Public Hearing Meeting of The Hague Town Board was held Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at the Hague Community Center at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

Edna Frasier, Supervisor  
Jack Bast, Councilman

Steve Ramant, Councilman  
Joshua Patchett, Councilman

Absent: Martin Fitzgerald, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Janet Hanna - Deputy Town Clerk

Also present Diane Trudeau - Budget Officer Secretary, Judy Stock

**A Motion** was made by S. Ramant and seconded by J. Bast to open the Meeting at 6:00 pm.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

**A Motion** was made by J. Patchett and seconded by J. Bast to open the public hearing.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Frasier read the Public Notice of the Meeting.

Supervisor Frasier stated the Town Clerk extra line it was raised from \$1,500 to \$3000.

J. Patchett asked for an explanation of the step schedule for the Highway as well as the Supervisors Secretary, Budget Officer Secretary, and Reception Clerk. S. Ramant explained about the schedule and stated that Josh should have a copy of the schedule. J. Patchett and J. Bast both stated they do not have a copy. Diane Trudeau stated that she will get copies to them.

Judy Stock asked question about revenues, in lieu of taxes, franchise fees, and sales taxes. These were all answered by the Town Board and the Budget Officer Secretary.

On a question of revenue vs expenses for the transfer station, S. Ramant stated that the board is investigation alternatives to replace the present system which is running a deficit.

**A Motion** was made by J. Patchett and seconded by J. Bast to close the public hearing at 6:45pm.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Franchise fees have been kept by the cable company so they could continue to give cable access to everyone in Hague. S. Ramant stated that all homes had access and next year the fees would be coming to the Town, but that was not reflected in the budget. J. Patchett said he spoke to an owner on Fitzgerald Rd. who did not have access to cable. S. Ramant will look into this. The board decided to wait until the next Town Board meeting to vote on the budget so S. Ramant can get an answer from the cable company and the franchise fees in the budget will be more accurate.

**On a Motion** made by S. Ramant, seconded by J. Bast, IT IS RESOLVED, to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 6:55 pm. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Hanna  
Hague Deputy Town Clerk