

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 15, 2015
3:00 pm

Members present: S. Ramant, M. Fitzgerald II, G. Kuenzel & R. Meola.

Absent: Supervisor Frasier

Also present: Diane Trudeau, Assistant Budget Officer, and John Eickman from HITS ENDURANCE.

It was moved by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by R. Meola to open the meeting at 3:00 pm and appoint Diane Trudeau as Acting Clerk for recording minutes. All voting yes. Motion carried.

John Eickman of HITS Endurance gave a presentation to the Board to support funding of \$13,000 for 2016. The Triathlon Division started in 2011 when they took over the series from Randy Engler. HITS Triathlon has been coming to Hague for 3 years, 2016 will be its 4th year.

Councilman Ramant and G. Kuenzel questioned if it was a viable event for the Town of Hague, Charitable donations to local organizations, supporting the commercial venues in Town, registrations, cleaning up after the event and that HVFD did not receive this year's donation. Promotion of the Town of Hague should be top priority. It was decided that the Town have a contact person so that the event could be reviewed immediately upon completion of the event so determine what if any issues there is/are. The Town Board thanked Mr. Eickman for coming and continued working on the 2016 Budget.

The Town Board agreed to leave \$8,000.00 in the Budget for the HITS Triathlon and discuss it again at the next Budget Meeting. The Board agreed to budget in occupancy tax \$3900 for a new website and to decrease computer consultant by \$1500. G. Kuenzel will contact T. Schaffer to get a count of "hits" on our website. They want at least 6 months.

The Town Board has tentatively scheduled another budget meeting for October 22, 2015 @ 3pm. The Board has instructed Steve Ramant to contact Tom Haskell to invite him to this meeting to discuss the Chamber funding.

Motion by R. Meola, seconded by M. Fitzgerald to hold a public hearing on the Preliminary Budget on October 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at The Hague community center. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The Assessor Committee will set up a meeting with Dave Martucci to discuss hours and invite him to attend the next meeting.

Motion by R. Meola, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to adjourn meeting at 4:40 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane Trudeau
Acting Clerk**