

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA (Tuesday, November 19, 2019)

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Members present

Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilman - Rick Colon, Mike McGinn, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

1. Call to Order

Procedural: 1.1 Pledge to the Flag

Information: 1.2 Open the Town Board Meeting of November 19, 2019

2. 2020 Tentative Budget

Discussion, Information: 2.1 Re- Open Continuation of the Public Hearing for the 2020 Town of Monroe Preliminary Budget

- Supervisor Cardone: Ok, so I prepared the first slide is the Fund Balance Comparison through the years, and, Jenn prepared this Comparison, and it goes from 2008 thru 2017.

Good evening Mr. Egan. How are you?

- Councilman Scancarello: How you doin Mike?

- Mike Egan: I didn't want you guys to feel that no one cared. (Inaudible).

- Supervisor Cardone: No, no and I appreciate, well actually our first slide is, was, what we discussed.

- Councilman Scancarello: Pertaining to you. Yeah.

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.

- Mike Egan: Oh perfect.

- Supervisor Cardone: Last meeting, so.

- Mike Egan: I got to get up closer.

- Supervisor Cardone: Do we have. Well no, I'll give you a copy of it if you'd like.

- Mike Egan: Is that in what I just picked up here in the back?

- Supervisor Cardone: Uh.

- Helen Knickerbocker: No, that's the Budget. That's not the a.

- Supervisor Cardone: You got an extra copy down there Val?

- (Inaudible).

- Deputy Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Mike.

- Supervisor Cardone: No. No, no.

- (Inaudible).

- Supervisor Cardone: That's a Grants.

- Mike Egan: Thanks Valerie. (Inaudible).

- Supervisor Cardone: Ok, so Helen and Roberta diligently over the last two days have been trying to locate our records going back as far as 2008. So, we found AUD's, I'm sorry Audits from 2008, and 2011. And the 2011 Audit had the 2010 numbers. And then we found our, well (inaudible) we didn't find, but we had our Audits from 2016, and 17, and the 16 number kinda did some, the Accountants did some work, and found the 2015 numbers. So, those are the present Fund Balances. From 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 there were no Audits, so there was essentially no numbers there other than the ones that the Accountants kinda worked up based on the numbers for the previous year. So, right now after 17 there's 6.463643 million dollars in the Fund Balances, and that's a combination of the General Fund Special Districts, Town outside the Village, Capital Projects, Highway, and Non-Major Governmental. So, if you look at the bar graph on the left you'll see that the Special Districts which were titled Capital Projects back then, you'll notice there's a change in the titles as well. That was a negative. Obviously we've come back quite a bit, and in the Capital Projects we are down. We were up as of 17. We were down in 16, and in the Special Districts we're, we're up. So we're up just short of \$500,000. that's for all the Special Districts. Water, Sewer, Drainage. So that's where we stand right now. The number for 18 is not an audited number.

- Helen Knickerbocker: Correct.

- Supervisor Cardone: Correct. So, our Audit was complete, and we hope to have those numbers finalized by the end of the year, so we will be up to date. So, that's where we're at. Any questions?

- Mike Egan: Do we know what was spent in each of these years out of the, out of the Fund Balances?

- Supervisor Cardone: Well all, all I can tell you is that the number I gave you last month which aren't on this are what was, what was spent. But I don't have all the years because I don't have Audits, and the AUD's were very difficult to obtain for those years as well so.

- Mike Egan: (Inaudible).

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, and.

- Councilman Colon: Excuse me Mike, can you come up to the.

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, wanna come up to the table.

- Councilman Colon: Cause no one can hear what you're saying.

- Council Member: Or you can come up here Mike.

- Mike Egan: That might be better Rick. (Inaudible).

- Councilman Colon: I mean the other people might object in the audience (inaudible).

- Mike Egan: Yeah.

- (Laughter)

- Supervisor Cardone: So, from 15-16 that jump of a million dollars in Fund Balance that's a little deceiving because it was attributed to the Garbage District being taken out of the Budget, put below the Tax Cap, but yet that 1.7 million from the Garbage District still remained in the Budget.

- Mike Egan: Mmm hmm.

- Supervisor Cardone: So they took it out, used it in the Budget for the Tax Cap so that they weren't 1.7 million dollars below the Tax Cap. So that's where the million Fund came in, and that was a tool that was used that was not compatible with proper Budgeting. I guess that's the (inaudible).
- Mike Egan: That was just done in that year? It hadn't been done prior?
- Supervisor Cardone: No. Nope.
- Mike Egan: And then, that was what year?
- Supervisor Cardone: That was 15, 16 when it was done.
- Helen Knickerbocker: 16.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, it was the Budget of, yeah it was the Budget from 15 that was done in 16, and that's why the balance went up after 16.
- Mike Egan: And I, I'm losing track of time. That's what happens as you get older. In that 16, is that when you were the Acting Supervisor? I don't really remember.
- Supervisor Cardone: Sixteen is when I, we yeah Mike, and I came in, and I became Acting Supervisor for two months.
- Mike Egan: And then (inaudible) would stop that practice (inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: Yes. Yeah. Going from 16-17 we stopped that practice.
- Mike Egan: Ok. Ok.
- Supervisor Cardone: So, I think we're going in the right direction.
- Mike Egan: Yeah.
- Supervisor Cardone: So, the Tax Cap Levy on the next slide, that's the Tax Cap Levy. So in 2018 it was just over seven million. In 2019 it was seven million, the Tax Cap Limit was seven million one hundred fifty thousand. And the Tax Cap Levy that year was 6.267 million and change. This year, our Tax Cap limit was six million five hundred thirty nine thousand, and our Levy came in at six million four hundred seventy two thousand, and eight hundred sixty five dollars. In essence putting us under the Tax Cap by \$66,559 which when you're comparing Levy's we remain below our allowance, and it came out to 3.27% increase in the Levy, but as we go to the next slide you'll see that the tax change for 2019 is represented by the reduction in the Village Tax of -1.18, and a an increase in the Town Tax of 1.89. Now we did, we did have to add in a little more for from the Fund Balance. We added 45 Helen?
- Helen Knickerbocker: In, yeah it was which fund are we taking?
- Supervisor Cardone: When we, what we used from Fund Balance for this year's Budget.
- Helen Knickerbocker: In total?
- Supervisor Cardone: Cause we went up.
- Helen Knickerbocker: In total?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Helen Knickerbocker: 235. \$235,000.
- Supervisor Cardone: Right, but did we add 45 for. I think we added 45, cause it was at 190 I believe from.
- Helen Knickerbocker: Yes we did. Yes, you're right.

- Helen Knickerbocker: I think was that in the B Fund?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yes, we added.
- Helen Knickerbocker: It was.
- Supervisor Cardone: It from the B Fund. Yeah cause we had the purchase of a new truck, or lease of a new truck which numbers were not in there. Now, subsequently in the last week we have also negotiated an IMA with Palm Tree for the storage of their salt for the winter season, and they will be purchasing it. They will also be loading the salt from here into their trucks, and we were able to secure \$22,000 a year from that IMA.
- Councilman McGinn: Is that, that's not reflected in her right?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yes it is.
- Councilman McGinn: It is reflected in (inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. Yeah it is.
- Councilman McGinn: So that's part of that \$66,000 that were.
- Councilman Scancarello: Under.
- Supervisor Cardone: Under. Yeah.
- Helen Knickerbocker: Yes.
- Councilman McGinn: Under.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. Yep. Yeah, if you go (inaudible).
- Councilman McGinn: So without that we'd be somewhere in the 40's (inaudible)?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Councilman McGinn: (Inaudible) or roughly right?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, yep. But the increase I think would have went up to like almost 2.8 so.
- Councilman McGinn: Yep.
- Councilman Scancarello: (Inaudible) great.
- Supervisor Cardone: So.
- Councilman McGinn: Awesome.
- Supervisor Cardone: It worked out good. And listen, I will give kudos to Helen, and Roberta for their diligence in making sure that we you know worked every line, and looked over every aspect of not only the rate summary sheet, but for the entire Budget. So.
- Councilman McGinn: No listen.
- Helen Knickerbocker: Thank you.
- Councilman Scancarello: Excellent.
- Councilman McGinn: There's no doubt, there's no doubt that they did an excellent job along with yourself there Mr. Supervisor. Not to sell you short but you know, this was a very challenging Budget to prepare this year, and you know especially compared to years past (inaudible) not quite as transparent so.
- Councilman Colon: Well you know gentlemen I think what you also have to keep in mind, since the formation of Palm Tree we projected an increase of taxes of over 200. You're well below that.

- Council Member: Yep.
- Councilman Colon: I, I this is ext, I mean this is really showing the kind of work that's being done by our finance Department, and the Town Board that we were expecting an increase of 200, and you're no where near that. In fact for the Village home it even went down which is incredible. It's, it's just it's really an amazing Budget when you stop, and you think we were expecting an extraordinary, what I would say an extraordinary jump past the 2%.
- Councilman McGinn: Yeah, I agree Rick. There was some dire predictions by.
- Councilman Scancarello: Yeah.
- Councilman McGinn: People of how bad this was gonna be for us, and you know well, I'm glad that those were.
- Councilman Colon: And if you look at Town Lighting, remember we were talking how that was at around 80,000.
- Councilman Scancarello: Right.
- Councilman Colon: And now it's down to 43.
- Supervisor Cardone: Ok, and let me yeah, I'm glad you brought that up Rick. Let me explain that because, so, that 43 represents electric costs of \$14,867, and approximately 38,000 I think in, no 28,000 in cost for the.
- Councilman Colon: Change (inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: In conversion.
- Helen Knickerbocker: The conversion.
- Councilman Colon: Right.
- Supervisor Cardone: So, it's we, you know we based it on a seven year payout. That looked like the most profitable, and if the Board is ok with that, I'd like to move (inaudible), forward with that because it seemed to give us the best, not necessarily the quickest, but the best rate of return.
- Councilman Colon: Sure.
- Supervisor Cardone: And after the seventh year , and I don't have that sheet in front of me, I apologize.
- Councilman Colon: Approximately.
- Supervisor Cardone: It was a \$60,000 plus.
- Councilman Colon: Reduction?
- Supervisor Cardone: No, no, no. Plus on our side.
- Councilman Colon: Yeah.
- Supervisor Cardone: So, it (inaudible).
- Councilman Colon: (Inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Helen Knickerbocker: Yeah.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, well no, cash positive.
- Councilman Colon: That's what I'm saying.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, so.

- Councilman Colon: This is (inaudible).
- Councilman Scancarello: Great.
- Councilman Colon: (Inaudible) I mean (inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: And if.
- Councilman Colon: I mean really everybody that's worked on this is it's a great job.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, if anyone saw there was actually an article in their Times Herald Record I wanna say last week, and it pertained to Warwick's similar move with this, and actually it's the same company that Warwick used so. Warwick was given kudos. I actually spoke to Michael Sweeten, and he was very instrumental in saying listen, you know you can check with other companies which we did but, you're not gonna find a better you know.
- Councilman Colon: But, but.
- Supervisor Cardone: Arrangement than this.
- Councilman Colon: This is what you get when you have management on the Board, and in the Town that can work with other Municipalities to find these things. We're working very well with other Municipalities , so it's no longer an extraordinary tug of war.
- Supervisor Cardone: No question. Just for example, I was at a seminar this morning for our Dial-A-Buses that Warwick was at, Monroe was at, Wallkill was at, Cor, and Cornwall were at, and it was a training seminar, and you know they asked myself, Supervisor Sweeten, and the Commissioner of Highways in Wallkill, Lou Ingrasia to attend the morning session just so we can you know basically offer thank you's, and kudos to all those driving.
- Councilman Colon: (Inaudible). Everybody in Town, I think the Town, all of the employees are working well. Everybody is reasonably content, cause you can't always say everybody's happy but. (Laughter). I think that the moral in Town Hall, and throughout the Highway, I've never seen it higher.
- Councilman Scancarello: It starts from the top. .
- Councilman Colon: Yes.
- Councilman Scancarello: You know. And this is including Mr. Supervisor the lawsuit against us as well correct?
- Supervisor Cardone: This is including \$264,500 in debt from the lawsuit which numbers were verified yesterday by Helen.
- Helen Knickerbocker: Yes.
- Supervisor Cardone: Through Munistat, so.
- Councilman Colon: And imagine if we didn't have it.
- Helen Knickerbocker: That's what I was just gonna say. Could you imagine if we didn't have that debt.
- Councilman Scancarello: Yep. Unbelievable.
- Helen Knickerbocker: You know.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Helen Knickerbocker: We could do something else with that money.
- Councilman Scancarello: The future looks bright in Monroe.

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, and just so everyone knows there's \$15,000 in here to do an Engineering Study for a new Highway/Dial-A-Bus Garage so.
- Councilman Colon: And we got the, the Grants that are coming along as well.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, Rick you wanna go over that? That's a.
- Councilman Colon: May I?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, that's why I brought that sheet. So.
- Councilman Colon: Ok.
- Supervisor Cardone: You should have a sheet.
- Councilman Colon: Yeah, I got it in front of me.
- Supervisor Cardone: In front of you.
- Councilman Colon: (Inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: There's one right there if you want.
- Councilman Colon: (Inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible) there's copies up here.
- Councilman Colon: Last year when we were at the Association of Town's Meeting, I was speaking to a individual by the name of Dave Jenkins who works with Millennium Strategies, and they were a company that does Grant Writing. We had a very good conversation, and it seemed very productive. I followed through, I talked to the Board, and we went back and forth, and finally we got them signed up[, and they were very good. They even allowed us to get the Village on board as well. So, we got the Village of Harriman, and Monroe on board with us for the cut the price. To date, I'm gonna read off on what we have in the pipeline so far that Millennium is getting us. At the top, we just started a Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program that's going to get us two stations. Each station will be able to re-charge two cars. So, we'll have electric power to re-charge cars at the new Town Hall, and 95% of that cost will be carried by the Grant. The only amount that will be expended by the Town, will be when the Highway Department installs them. So, I think that's a big positive right there.
- Councilman Scancarello: And where is that? At the new Town Hall?
- Councilman Colon: At the new Town Hall on the upper parking lot, and lower.
- Councilman Scancarello: That's great.
- Councilman Colon: So we have two stations, that'll hold four cars. Total. So, if you have an electric vehicle or hybrid, you can always plug in over there while you're doing your Town business as well. And that'll help.
- Councilman McGinn: Hey Rick, is that Charge Point? Who's the, what are the charging stations? Are they Charge Point or some other.
- Councilman Colon: I'm not sure at this point. I didn't get that. That's gonna be up to us actually to get that. So, we have the last word on which ones we wanna get.
- Supervisor Cardone: Ok.
- Councilman Colon: I think that's pretty good.
- Supervisor Cardone: These are just I guess Mike what we applied for, and (inaudible).
- Councilman McGinn: (Inaudible).

- Councilman Colon: This is the Grant that's just gonna pay for it.
- Councilman McGinn: Right, right, right.
- Councilman Colon: So, it's not giving us a specific one that we have to have.
- Councilman McGinn: Yeah. No, I'll talk (inaudible), because we just obtained like eight of them at work, so.
- Councilman Colon: Great.
- Councilman McGinn: You know through a nice (inaudible) Grant actually so.
- Councilman Colon: For the Village of Monroe PD, they got a Stanton Foundation, for first and second dog. That's to help the canine. That's up to \$25,000 right there alone. Spirit of Blue Safety Grant, that's a Rolling Grant Program for the Village of Harriman PD. The average award is \$5,000-\$10,000. That's gonna depend on what Harriman gets so. They can get a maximum of \$10,000. Up to \$5,000 just for their PD on that alone.
- Supervisor Cardone: I think that one kinda incorporates bullet proof vests.
- Councilman Colon: Yeah.
- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible).
- Councilman Colon: Yeah, that type of thing. Body cameras, whatever. So, whatever Harriman decides to get with that, that's found money that we would have not gotten before. Firehouse Sub Stations - Public Safety Grant that's another \$25,000 right there, and that's for the Monroe Police, and Fire Safety. The big one is gonna be here. It's \$150,000.00. It's New York State Archives for Local Government Records. So, now what their going to be paying for, or giving us quite a bit, I believe it will cover what about 90%?
- Supervisor Cardone: I think it was. Yeah, I think it was 90%.
- Councilman Colon: 90% for the storage, and security for our Archival Records for the Village Clerk. That means it'll be temperature controlled, humidity controlled, and also safety, it'll be a central point to keep all of our records. Without that Grant we'd be spending well over \$150,000.00 on that alone. Infrastructure Improvement for drinking water, that's for Water District 12. Did that one go through yet?
- Councilwoman Bingham: No (inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: No.
- Councilman Colon: But it's gonna be going through. How much we gonna be getting on that? It's a max of.
- Supervisor Cardone: That I think goes through in January Mary?
- Councilwoman Bingham: December or January.
- Councilman Colon: December, January. So that's gonna be quite a bit of money also. Found money for Water District 12. NYS Local Government Efficiency Grant. This is to fund the completion of Solid Waste Management Shared Services Study. This is gonna help with Moodna. So that's another \$25,000.00 there. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (inaudible) Source of Pollution Program Grant. This is to fund the investigation, and design of a project to rehabilitate a culvert on Berry Road. That's about what \$30,000 right there if we get that Grant through. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Wastewater Engineering Planning Grant Program. This is to fund town-wide engineering study to identify, and mitigate Inflow, and Infiltration movement of great water throughout the Town. In other words, it's gonna help our sewer pipes., and that's a lot of money right there. That's another \$30,000. New York Office of Parks. This is gonna be something that's near, and dear to my heart as well as Jim, our Town Historian. That is going to give us, now this is for the Checkerboard Inn, and this is to fund the completion of a full condition assessment, as well as plans, and specifications for the restoration of the Checkerboard Inn. So in other words, it's gonna pay for the engineering study, and funding for the engineering as well. That Grant is gonna be almost \$94,000.00 right there alone, and that doesn't even include, that's gonna include another Grant that we should be getting shovel ready for next year for the rehabilitation of the Checkerboard Inn.

- Supervisor Cardone: Well, thank you Rick, I know you've worked diligently on it. You've been there talkin with Dave, and trying to see these through. And just to make everyone clear on this, these are what we've applied for. We have not received confirmation on any of em. So, I mean it's our (inaudible) if we get 25% of what we're lookin for, it'd be great, although the one I would take without a hesitation is the Water District 12 one.

- Councilman Colon: Yeah, well.

- Councilwoman Bingham: (Inaudible) too.

(Laughter)

- Councilman Colon: But, but a lot of this Mr. Supervisor, a lot of this money is gonna be coming through. I think 25 is extremely conservative which I understand, but if we do get, and there's another two pages. We can go on, and on. They've put in for what about a good 20 Grants? Maybe a little bit more. If we get even 25%, it will be a big positive for this Town. It's found money. So, kudos to Millennium Strategy. Let's see what we get for this year, and the coming year. Thank you for that Mr. Supervisor.

- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you.

- Councilman Scancarello: Great job Rick.

- Supervisor Cardone: Nice job Rick.

- Councilman McGinn: Very good work.

- Councilwoman Bingham: (Inaudible) Rick.

- Supervisor Cardone: So, does anybody have any questions with respect to the Budget? We have also put in there Mary, the debt service for Water District 12 which comes out to \$20,000 in Principal, and \$20,000 in the BAN Interest, and that was 30 years?

- Helen Knickerbocker: (Inaudible) 30, yes.

- Councilwoman Bingham: 30.

- Supervisor Cardone: So, Mary just so you know, that portion of the Tax Bill is gonna be approximately \$2,560.00 for each resident.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Spread out over.

- Supervisor Cardone: No, that's, that's for the year.

- Councilwoman Bingham: The year.

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Ok.
- Supervisor Cardone: I'm doin it by 41 users right?
- Councilwoman Bingham: 40.
- Supervisor Cardone: 40?
- Councilman Colon: He just increased it. (Laughter).
- Councilwoman Bingham: I know.
- (Laughter)
- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible) let's see. It's \$2,625.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Well, let's hope we get the Grant.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yes, exactly.
- Councilman Colon: (Inaudible) workin on it.
- Supervisor Cardone: So, if no one has any questions, if everybody's you know (inaudible) with everything here.
- Mike Egan: Tony, can I ask a.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah sure.
- Mike Egan: Ok. So, two quick questions. I'll just ask them, and then I'll ask them both at once. I'm just curious. I didn't look in here carefully enough. What drives the decrease in the Village Levy, and you know that's different then the Town Levy (inaudible) going down, and then the other question is, I know from previous communication we had, that your, you felt that the Highway Department was underfunded in year's past. I don't at all disagree with that. I think that's right. But being a resident, and observing, and also attending many Board Meetings, over many years, and the exchanges among Town board Members, Highway Supervisor indicated the same thing. So, I think it's a great idea to invest in that Department . It's really literally where the rubber meets the road, and residents experience it every day. But could you talk about what you're doing in this Budget, I know you did it in a prior Budget to build that department back up?
- Supervisor Cardone: So, we're number one obviously, we're purchasing another truck this year. This will be the second year in a row that we've purchased a truck. We have what's been, what's been driving a lot of it, have been the Grant monies that are enabling them to repair roads in different areas that weren't done in the past. Unfortunately, the first year that John came in he had to repair a road, and I think was it.
- Helen Knickerbocker: (Inaudible)
- Supervisor Cardone: \$300,000.
- Helen Knickerbocker: Yeah.
- Supervisor Cardone: It was \$300,000.00 or so that wasn't really Budgeted. Their Fund Balance was actually negative I think when John came in. Now it's up close to \$500,000.
- Mike Egan: (Inaudible) I think you see that in.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Mike Egan: The slide (inaudible).

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. So that was, that was really difficult you know for, for him to stomach. I can remember speaking to him on a weekly basis as it was approaching, and that was because of the scarification of Cromwell Hill Rd. You know. You took that road every day like I did.

- Mike Egan: Yep.

- Supervisor Cardone: So, the other aspect I think that's, you know that's driving is, is the moral, and I think they're working more efficiently. We've, we've taken out of the B Fund a lot of repairs for Dial-A-Bus, and especially this year cause we have new buses. So, there's a lot of costs there that are going out. We're trying to lower the maintenance costs by purchasing new trucks, and getting on a schedule sometime around seven years that we'll turn the trucks over. We'll avoid the maintenance costs, and we'll get a, we'll get an investment, a return on our investment of the truck by selling the truck. So I mean other than that, it's just you know keeping your eyes out for Budget's where you know as far as going back to the Village, you gotta remember, I was diligent this year more than last year with the Village, cause last year the Village had almost over a 9% increase, and we had only a 6% increase in change. So, I just felt it was, it was you know basic, being, basically being a good neighbor, and wanting to make sure that you know they were afforded you know a little more leeway with respect to.

- Mike Egan: How do you do that? Is that a discretionary allocation that you make.

- Supervisor Cardone: In some respects yes. In some respects we applied a little more Fund Balance than we did last year to it.

- Mike Egan: Ah.

- Supervisor Cardone: So, you know that helped drive that down, and you're also dealing with numbers which are a little bit lower I would say.

- Helen Knickerbocker: Yeah, well I.

- Supervisor Cardone: And then.

- Helen Knickerbocker: Think also too Tony, we're also estimating a little bit more in the Mortgage Tax this year.

- Supervisor Cardone: Right.

- Helen Knickerbocker: Than we did last year. Like you said, we purchased the new buses so there's less maintenance. We've also had some employees that were long time employees, that have either retired or have gone part time which has brought down the salaries, benefits, everything. So, you know when you combine that all together, it lowers everything overall.

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah, and plus, plus our, our Levy, our taxable, I'm sorry our taxable value went down a little this year, and the Villages taxable value went up.

- Helen Knickerbocker: Up. Yes.

- Mike Egan: (Inaudible).

- Supervisor Cardone: Not substantially. I think .003% it was for both of us. So, you know every little bit tweaks it here and there.

- Mike Egan: Yep.

- Councilman McGinn: I think another important thing to point out with Highway is they took on

the duties of running our Water Department where in the past.

- Helen Knickerbocker: And that's true too.

- Councilman McGinn: When we came on that was being done by a contractor at a cost that was.

- Councilman Colon: A lot more.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Over a (inaudible).

(Laughter)

- Councilman McGinn: You know approaching several hundred thousand dollars. Two thirty seven I think was the last number, and don't hold me to that. So, they took that in house, and that, that saved us, saved us you know countless thousands if not hundreds of thousands of dollars over the last you know two years that they've been doing it, and we've increased their personnel which is another thing. They had been depleted. They were down at least 2-3 guys. 2 or 3 workers. They're now back up to where they were, or not quite where they were. I think they're one below where they started out say 6 years ago, or 7 years ago when they started getting cut down. So, those are all positive, positive developments (inaudible).

- Mike Egan: How's the result in terms of the you know, productivity of, of the Water Department verse having Highway run it verses the outside consultant?

- Councilman McGinn: From my personal experience, I mean I would say that once they, once they took full ownership of it there was no, there was no (inaudible) loss of service. I mean everything that was being done before, water quality testing. All, everything that went into that was being done by the private contractor, was being done by our personnel, and the good thing about it is those personnel that were, you know they're dual trained so, they're Water Department, but come a snowstorm, they're in the trucks or if there's a water main break, the whole departments in on it so. It wasn't, it wasn't segmented like you're calling, and hoping that the contractor's gonna show up. And I think Mary, Water District 12 is, is a pretty.

- Mary Bingham: It's been a big savings for the Water District, and the response has been great. They know the system, and they understand what can possibly go wrong like if there's a power failure, so they're on top of it, and they're quick to respond, and they do a great job.

- Councilman McGinn: Yeah, and we're getting them all trained up to get the certifications, or the ones that are involved with it, and that's big, you know. So, it was.

- Supervisor Cardone: And the largest, I would say the largest difference in what made the Highway, the Part Town go up, was the fact that we lost, well we didn't, last year we got a \$400,000.00 Grant. This year, we didn't get that, and last year we had a KJ IMA for plowing services. o we lost two hundred and.

- Mike Egan: Right.

- Supervisor Cardone: Fifty five thousand there so.

- Helen Knickerbocker: Tony I think we probably should just note also on the water when the Highway Department does go out and do the work in the Water Districts the time is noted so that it's charged back to those Districts. So it's not like we're paying everybody is paying for the time that the Highway is spending doing water work. It is actually charged back to the Districts.

- Supervisor Cardone: Right.
- Councilman McGinn: Right. (Inaudible).
- Councilwoman Bingham: (Inaudible) so if they spend half a day fixing a leak on Water District 12 those 12 4 hours or 5 hours.
- Councilman McGinn: (Inaudible).
- Councilwoman Bingham: Are directly billed to Water District 12.
- Mike Egan: Well I for one speaking for myself deeply appreciate the fact that we have a well run Town now. Amazing what good people and good Govern good people in office can do to produce good Government and we see it in this Town now I think in lots of different ways and this Budget getting in my opinion better service in every way than we got previously at very small increases in cost despite the fact that we separated you know with KJ/Palm Tree is you know it starts at the top. So I appreciate that. I commend all of you for doing.
- Supervisor Cardone: And I appreciate your assistance in the infancy of turning things around.
- Councilman Colon: Yeah.
- Supervisor Cardone: So thank you.
- Councilman Colon: Thank you Mike.
- Councilman Scancarello: Thank you Mike.
- Councilman McGinn: Especially with the Theater.
- (Laughter)
- Councilman Colon: Don't remind me please.
- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible).
- Councilman McGinn: Another success story.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. Hey just so everyone knows this past week the day after Veteran's Day the Theater did 2 shows of Midway for Veteran's. We worked with Christian I'm drawing a blank on his last name Mike. Christian.....
- Councilman McGinn: Oh um we're both having senior moment together here.
- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible). I (inaudible) my phone.
- Councilman McGinn: Yeah I know.
- Supervisor Cardone: Well.
- Councilman McGinn: I just saw him too.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah he just put together a great a you know a great program.
- Councilman McGinn: Yep.
- Supervisor Cardone: I think the first show had about 165 and the second show had about 150.
- George Carney: Farrell.
- Supervisor Cardone: Christian Farrell. Thank you.
- Councilman McGinn: Thanks.
- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you George. Christian Farrell. So it worked out good. They got a soda.

(Laughter)

- Councilman McGinn: (Inaudible).

- Supervisor Cardone: They were able to get a soda and a popcorn at no charge. I don't know if the County paid for this (inaudible) in the entirety of it or that.

- Councilman McGinn: Flagship.

- Supervisor Cardone: They got a sponsor or and Flagship might have contributed too but it was a great I went to both shows at the beginning of it and it was greatly received by all the Veteran's. They were really appreciated so. So without any further a do we need a Motion to approve the Preliminary Budget to make it the Final Budget right?

- Deputy Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Supervisor.

- Supervisor Cardone: Adopted adopted Budget. But we have to close the Public Hearing first. Yeah what's that?

- Deputy Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Ya you said it.

- Supervisor Cardone: Oh ok.

(Laughter).

- Supervisor Cardone: So can I can I get a Motion to close the Public Hearing?

Action (Resolution): 2.2 Motion to Close the Public Hearing for the Preliminary 2020 Town of Monroe Budget

2019-#533

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing for the Preliminary 2020 Town of Monroe Budget.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Mike McGinn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilman - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 2.3 Motion to Adopt the 2020 Town of Monroe Budget

2019-#534

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to make the 2020 Preliminary Budget the 2020 Adopted Budget that was presented this evening.

Motion by Sal Scancarello second by Councilman - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilman - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 2.4 Moodna Stipend - Jennifer Schnaars

2019-#535

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to give Jennifer Schnaars a \$1000 Stipend for handling the personnel issues with Moodna that is outside of her parameters. This is in the Moodna Budget. This money does not come out of the Town Budget. It comes out of the Moodna Budget.

Motion by Councilman - Rick Colon second by Mike McGinn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilman - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

3. 2019 Water Relevies

Action (Resolution) Information: 3.1 Water Relevies

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 5.5 Re-levy for Water Districts

2019-#536

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves the levying of outstanding water bills (see attached list of properties by SBL's) of the following amounts to the 2020 Town & County Tax Bills Total Water Levy.

SECTION BLOCK LOT SUB LOT AMOUNT

1	1	63	\$22.97	7
1	1	65	\$392.04	7
1	1	69	\$156.92	7
1	1	73	\$247.45	7
1	1	76	\$1994.79	7
21	1	10	\$2712.87	1
21	1	25	\$482.78	1
21	1	28	\$809.96	1
21	1	30	\$286.26	1
21	1	31	\$1073.26	1
21	2	2	\$106.74	1
21	2	3	\$109.18	1
21	2	6	\$1384.42	1
21	2	7	\$463.85	1
21	2	9	\$1001.44	1
21	2	17	\$654.38	1
21	2	21	\$1181.93	1
21	3	4	\$1037.34	1
21	3	10	\$1180.97	1
21	3	11	\$486.81	1
21	3	12	\$283.36	1

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21 3 15 \$88.16 1
21 3 18 \$462.88 1
21 3 20 \$1060.80 1
24 1 47 \$1635.74 10
24 1 48 \$283.36 10
24 1 49 \$298.23 10
24 1 64 31 \$651.62 10
24 1 64 32 \$513.66 10
24 1 66 42 \$726.18 10
24 1 106 1 \$118.71 10
25 1 3 \$23.94 8
25 1 7 \$668.63 8
25 4 5 \$277.86 8
26 1 9 \$469.35 8
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26 2 1 \$608.78 8
26 2 4 \$43.09 8
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26 2 12 \$439.12 8
26 3 2 \$253.92 8
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30 2 10 12 \$158.40 12
30 3 3 \$376.20 12
30 3 4 \$732.60 12
30 3 8 \$1098.90 12
30 4 1 \$99.00 12
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44 1 6 \$50.60 2
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WD#1 \$15890.83
WD#2 \$618.20
WD#7 \$2814.17
WD#8 \$30857.96
WD#10 \$4227.50
WD#12 \$5630.10

Motion by Councilman - Rick Colon second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilman - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

4. Public Comment

Information: 4.1 Rules for Public Comment

Discussion Information: 4.2 Public Comment

NO ONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME. 5. Enter Into Executive Session

Discussion Information: 5.1 Motion to Enter Into Executive Session

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME. 6. Return to Regular Meeting

Discussion Information: 6.1 Motion to Return to Regular Session

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME. 7. Possible Motions From the Floor

8. Adjournment

Action (Resolution) Information: 8.1 Adjournment of Meeting

2019-#537

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the 2020 Monroe Town Board Meeting of November 25 2019 at 6:42pm.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilman - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

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