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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING EASTON FIRE HOUSE 7:00P.M.

PRESENT: Supervisor Shaw  
 Councilwoman Lundberg  
 Councilman Moy  
 Councilman Brownell  
 Councilman Herrick

OTHERS PRESENT: The Journal Reporter; Cait Johnston, The Eagle Reporter: Christine Eldred, Highway Superintendent; Rich Fox, Deputy Building Inspector; Jim Merryman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sharon Archambeault  
 Councilman Herrick led the salute to the Flag.  
 Supervisor Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

RESOLUTION#83-18

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. & SPECIAL MT/BUDGET WORKSHOP OCTOBER 8, 2018

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilman Herrick, second by Councilman Moy to approve the minutes of October 1 and Special Meeting/Budget Workshop Meeting October 8, 2018 as written.

Adopted 5 Ayes      Lundberg, Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw

**PUBLIC HEARING- OPEN 7:03P.M.**

**2019 BUDGET**

The Legal Notice for the 2019 Budget was read.

Open for discussion. There was no comment from the public. Public Hearing closed at 7:04p.m.

RESOLUTION#84-18

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilwoman Lundberg, second by Councilman Brownell to make payment of the following claims:

No. 269- 308	A Fund	\$ 2,772.47
	B Fund	\$ 354.01
	DB Fund	\$45,078.68
	Pre-Paid	\$50,244.85
	Total	\$98,450.01

Adopted 5 Ayes      Lundberg, Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw

PRESENTATION WITH CONTI SOLAR; Mitch Quine

Mitch stated that he has talked with the town supervisor and the planning board about the solar project on the Johnson farm located on Route 40. They are also talking about another solar project of Wager Lane. Both projects will connect to the high-voltage transmission lines that run roughly North-South just to the West of the McGowan Road.

One of these projects, on the Johnson family's property of Route 40 will need to run an underground electrical line from the Johnson property to the Williams property to connect to the transmission lines.

We have negotiated an easement with Donald Gaston to run a transmission line through his property and are currently exploring two options to run the line the rest of the way from Gaston's land to the transmission easement.

Option 1 would be to run our line primarily underneath the private property that sits between Gaston's land and the Williams' land. If we are to do this, we would still need to at least cross McGowan Road and potentially Wage Lane with our line.

Option 2 would be to run our line primarily under Wager Lane and McGowan Road.

Regardless of which option we finally pursue, construction methods would be the same. Conductors would be installed underground, deep enough to meet the National Electrical Code standard for coverage at a minimum. The excavation, installation, and backfill of the conductors would be performed by our contractors in coordination with the Town. We would also coordinate closely with local landowners to ensure that access to their properties would not be adversely impacted. Both options would require us to install conductors underneath the Town's roadway. Option 1 would require short road crossings underneath Wager Lane and McGowan Road, and Option 2 would require a more extensive installation along the length of Wager Lane. While we continue to explore both options and determine the best path forward for our project, we wanted to initiate formal discussions with the Town of Easton and the Town's Highway department to understand what we would need to do to install our lines underneath town roads. Specifically, we would like to discuss any commercial and legal arrangements we would need to undertake with the Town as well as understand any specific technical requirements the Town may have.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Supervisor Shaw received correspondence from Charter Communications regarding the town's Franchise Renewal. The contract agreement expires on August 23, 2021. Supervisor Shaw asked the board if they want somebody more familiar with franchise fees to represent us or check with other towns. Supervisor Shaw asked the board to think about it and will ask again at the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT- OPEN 7:25- NONE-CLOSED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Supervisor Shaw said he would like to discuss the Burton Hall Project at the end of the meeting. The building has been set back down on the new foundation.

INSURANCE: Chair: Bill Herrick/Aindrea Lundberg- **NO REPORT**

TOWN POLICIES: Chair: Aindrea Lundberg/Randy Moy- Councilwoman Lundberg reported that she will need to meet with Highway Superintendent; Rich to discuss the Sexual Harrasment Training. Supervisor Shaw said he would check with Phil Spiezio at the county to see if he is doing anything with the training. There is a webinar to be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Chair: Scott Brownell/Bill Herrick- **NO REPORT**

HIGHWAY: Chair: Randy Moy/Scott Brownell- Councilman Moy reported that the sand screening has been completed. The used truck that was purchased has been fixed. The town has received a Grant for Herrington Hill Rd. The town has to match the \$10,000.00. When the \$10,000.00 has been spent the town can apply for another grant. Highway Superintendent; Rich stated that we should purchase the gravel now before the price increases next year. After discussion the board agreed to purchase the gravel now and stockpile it. Supervisor Shaw asked Rich to check to see when you can apply.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Shaw asked the board to set a date for the end of the year meeting. After discussion the board agreed to hold the end of the year meeting on Friday, December 21, 2018 at 6p.m. Supervisor Shaw reported that he had received a phone call from John Hedbring regarding running a three phase power from Wilbur Ave to the Anvil Fence Co. He needs to set 3 poles on town property. John is asking the town if he can have National Grid stake out the poles on town property and have the town sign off on an easement. The highway department will have to check to make sure it does not run through the town's gravel pit. After discussion the board agreed to let John Hedbring move forward. Supervisor Shaw reported that the County's Preliminary Budget is at 2.2%.

**TOWN CLERK:** Sharon Archambeault reported that she collected \$800.00 for the month of October. A check for \$17.00 was submitted to the NYS Ag. & Markets for the spay/neuter program. The balance of \$7 was submitted to the town supervisor.

**HIGHWAY:** Highway Superintendent; Rich Fox reported that the truck they were hoping to sell is still not running. After some discussion it was agreed to put it on Auction international to see what it would sell for. If they do not get a reasonable price, they will keep the truck for parts.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Building Inspector; LaVerne Davis was absent. Deputy Building Inspector; Jim Merryman reported that him and Laverne are working on their annual report. They are also reviewing the building inspection fees and forms to be modified.

**PLANNING BOARD: NO REPORT**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS****ADOPT BUDGET**

Supervisor Shaw state that the increase for the 2019 budget would be 3.69% and he is not comfortable with that increase. Supervisor Shaw said he has talked with Highway Superintendent; Rich about reducing the amount in the DB Machinery Fund by \$10,00.00. Rich said he was ok with that. After discussion the board agreed to decrease the Machinery Fund by \$5,000.00.

**RESOLUTION#85-18****AMEND PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND ADOPT 2019 BUDGET**

RESOLVED on a motion by Supervisor Shaw, second by Councilman Herrick to amend the 2019 Preliminary Budget by decreasing the DB Machinery Fund by \$5,000.00 resulting in a tax increase for the 2019 budget of \$26,075.00 or a 3% tax increase and adopt the 2019 Budget.

Roll Call	Councilwoman Lundberg
	Councilman Moy
	Councilman Brownell
	Councilman Herrick
	Supervisor Shaw

Adopted 5 Ayes

**RESOLUTION#86-18**

ADOPT 2017 WASHINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

RESOLVED on a motion by Councilwoman Lundberg, second by Councilman Herrick to adopt the 2017 Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

WHEREAS, Town of Easton with the assistance from Tetra Tech has gathered information and prepared the County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

Whereas, The Town of Easton is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Easton have reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board that The Town of Easton adopts the County hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolved to execute the actions in the Plan.

Adopted 5 Ayes      Lundberg, Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw

**RESOLUTION#86-18**ESTABLISH BURTON HALL PROJECT #1(INTERFUND LOAN)

RESOLVED on a motion by Supervisor Shaw, second by Councilwoman Lundberg and Councilman Herrick to establish a Burton Hall Project #1 - DASNY (Dormitory Authority State Of New York) Project #7448 & #7765

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. The Town created Burton Hall Project #1 to fund the Town Office Space Project and Preservation of Burton Hall.

WHEREAS, this project involves funding through Dormitory Authority State of New York and as well as funds from the Town of Easton and

WHEREAS, projects of this nature operate under a reimbursement claim process with the state now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor/Budget Officer is hereby authorized to make a loan when needed to fund any cash flow needs until the Town receives reimbursement for funds expended on this project, up to \$100,000.00.

Adopted 5 Ayes                      Lundberg, Moy, Brownell, Herrick & Shaw

**PUBLIC COMMENT- OPEN 8:32P.M.****NONE CLOSED****DISCUSSION- BURTON HALL**

The board discussed closing the back of the building, pouring steps coming out of the upstairs. The west wall needs to be framed, tar the walls, plumbing needs to be done before the porch is poured.

Councilman Brownell will ask Scott Strobe if he can install the plumbing and pour the concrete. There was discussion regarding the finish for the floor, nothing was finalized. Councilman Brownell and

Councilman Moy will contact the architect regarding the prints for the plumbing. Tar the walls tomorrow and back fill.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05p.m. by Supervisor Shaw

Sharon Archambeault

Easton Town Clerk

