

received for the position of Senior Account Clerk.

A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Tom Ruzicka to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Dusti Lee Provencher has resigned her position as Provisional Senior Account Clerk, whereby opening her position of Account Clerk to be filled and opening the position of Provisional Senior Account Clerk to be filled as of November 10, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cassandra Gramling will be confirmed as a permanent appointment to the position of Account Clerk to which she was appointed on a temporary basis on March 21, 2017; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sara Wright will be appointed Provisional Senior Account Clerk to be permanently appointed subject to her passing the Senior Account Clerk exam at \$18.59 per hour.

Mr. DeLelys asked if Sarah Wright's position in the Assessor's Office will be filled; Mr. Lazzaro replied yes – we will be filling that position. He added we will be ordering the list for that position from the County.

The above Resolution made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Tom Ruzicka was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Change Date Due – November Water/Sewer Bills: Mr. Lazzaro read a memo from Sarah Wright which states that due to unfortunate circumstances in the Office recently, the November water/sewer bills are late getting sent out. She requested permission from the Board to push the due date from November 30th to December 16th, which would allow taxpayers enough time to pay their bills without penalty.

A motion was made to change the due date for the November Water/Sewer bills from November 30, 2017 to December 16, 2017 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2018 Preliminary Town Budget: A motion was made to approve the Preliminary Town Budget and make that the permanent Town Budget for 2018 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara.

Mr. DeLelys stated he doesn't believe the Board should do that – he is not happy with the way this year's Budget was done. In the past, there were all Board Members present to go through the Budget line item by line item, and this year, it was not done that way. Discussion followed.

Mr. Foster stated there has been participation by each Department Head because they have come in. There has been a public opportunity to participate as well. He said what is before the Board and what he requested is provided to the Board very amply. There is a lot of information on the colored sheets - the blue section is the 2017 as is; the gold section is what has been proposed by the Supervisor; the pink section is the amount of the Budget with the recommendations that were made after the Departments came in and requested changes and everyone had a consensus that something should be put back in the Budget or we shouldn't. He added at the end of those meetings, that pink amount is the amount of the amended Budget - this is what Mr. Porretta and Mr. DeLelys ended up with after they met. Mr. Foster proceeded to explain the options which compare the actual tax amounts with 2018 Landfill revenue; actual tax amounts with no 2018 Landfill revenue; actual tax amounts with three-fourths of the 2018 Landfill revenue; actual tax amounts with two-thirds of the 2018 Landfill revenue; and actual tax amounts with one-half of the 2018 Landfill revenue. He concluded by saying the Board basically has an idea of which budget they want to go with and how much of the Landfill money they want to use.

Mr. Porretta stated there were some things during the budget process that they agreed on and some things they didn't. That means if he votes for one of the proposals, it's a possibility that something he wanted restored back into the Budget would not be there. Mr. Foster replied it would be if he made an amendment. Mr. Porretta said there were numerous items that were discussed during the budget process with only he and Mr. DeLelys present; the other three Board Members didn't have any input. Mr. Lazzaro said he was informed of what they wanted to place back into the Budget. He still thinks the Preliminary Budget that was presented was the best. He feels we have to tighten our Budget, and he feels he cut in appropriate places. He heard from Mrs. Warfel and Mr. Foster what the proposals to put back in the Budget were, and he still disagreed on the proposals. Mr. Porretta stated there were some items that were the consensus of everybody here, and some items that might not have that big of an impact on the overall tax rate. He added if he can't here from everyone on the Board on the proposals, he cannot vote yes on any one of the options. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to approve the Preliminary Budget and make that the permanent Town Budget for 2018 did not carry – 2 ayes, 3 nays; Supervisor Lazzaro and Councilman Ferrara voted yes, and Councilmen Porretta, Ruzicka and DeLelys voted no.

A motion was made to accept the amended Budget (pink column) by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Vic Porretta.

Mr. Lazzaro thinks this is the wrong Budget to accept. He will be voting no as he thinks it's not economically appropriate or sound financially.

The above motion made by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Vic Porretta was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Mr. DeLelys stated he is looking at going with three-fourths of the Landfill money because the taxes will go up \$189.99 (on a \$100,000 home). He cannot see using all of the Landfill money. He said when they had the Budget Workshops, all that they added in is in this amended Budget – correct? Mr. Foster replied yes – anything they added in is in there.

A motion was made to go with the amended Budget with three-fourths of the Landfill revenue for 2018 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Vic Porretta.

Mr. Porretta asked if the \$750,000 will be budgeted for infrastructure; Mrs. Warfel replied yes. Mr. Porretta said he read in the paper that Supervisor Lazzaro said the 2.5% raise was going to be given to Town Employees, but excluded Department Heads; is that in this current Budget – he doesn't recall coming to a consensus during the budget process. He feels that if everybody is going to get a 2.5% raise, he thinks the people that supervise them are working shoulder to shoulder with their Employees – he doesn't think it's fair. Mrs. Warfel indicated that the amounts are in there for raises, but it's up to the Board to decide how much they want to do and where. Mr. Lazzaro said some of the Department Heads got really big raises last year and Town Employees got 1%. He thinks they can forego a raise this year.

Mr. Ferrara stated this Budget is based on proposed Landfill revenue. To start the process to close, the scale is going to drop and their tonnage will start to drop. We are betting on the come - there is no number here. Mrs. Warfel said there is no guarantee on a number; that's why they budgeted \$2.3 million to start with. Mr. Ferrara said you are putting three-fourths of the money in – there is no guarantee. Mr. DeLelys said when the Board did the 2017 Budget, it didn't know if they were getting the money either.

Mr. Foster stated there has been a seat change on the Board and with that change, based upon looking at whether Local #2-2017 or Local Law #3-2016 would be operative, will be the thing that brings forth a response from the Landfill. There was an Article 78 from the Landfill filed against the Town; the Landfill withdrew that application when the new Local Law went in, which was an indication the Town would continue to receive dollars and cents. With the seat change, the Board is in a position of not having the most recent Local Law so it reverts back to the previous Local Law which is the one that produced the Article 78 challenge. Mr. Foster said in speaking with Landfill Counsel and Management, it appears that there is going to be a reinstatement of that Article 78 proceeding. If they challenge the Local Law, the Landfill could continue its payments or they could discontinue payments. He added there has been an indication to him that there may be a challenge to the payment of those funds. If that occurs, he may have to tell the Board they may be relying upon an income stream that may not occur any time soon – it doesn't mean it won't occur eventually, but it won't be timely. Mr. Foster stated he doesn't make any recommendations – that is the decision of the Board. Discussion followed.

Mr. Porretta asked if the 2.5% wage increase will be included in this Budget. Mr. Lazzaro replied yes, it will be, but for Department Heads I would say no because of the hefty increases some of them got last year. Mrs. Warfel stated monies are in the line item for salary contingencies; it has not been allocated to any line yet. The Board has to decide what line they want it added to. Mr. Foster said the funds are there, but it will be subject to a further quote down the line as to who gets the increases. He added from what Mr. Lazzaro is saying, it is proposed just the Employees, not the Department Heads. Mr. Lazzaro said another Meeting is scheduled for November 16th. He suggested that the Board either vote for this up or down now, review the line items and make some decisions as to what items you want to keep in or take out.

The above motion made by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Vic Porretta to go with the amended Budget with three-fourths of the Landfill revenue for 2018 was carried 3 ayes, 2 nays; Supervisor Lazzaro and Councilman Ferrara with the dissenting votes.

Being there was no further business, Mr. Lazzaro adjourned the Meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

