

November 9, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield held a public hearing and regular meeting on November 9, 2022.

Present were:           James Eisel Sr., Supervisor  
                                Patrick F. Funk, Councilmember  
                                Lisa M. Driscoll, Councilmember  
                                Erik R. Reeve, Councilmember

Absent:                   Matthew J. Taylor, Councilmember

Also present:           Russell Hatch, Supt. of Highways  
                                Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk

Others present:        Henry L. Browning  
                                Steven Weiner  
                                Gloria Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Supervisor James Eisel Sr..

Supervisor Eisel led the Board and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Eisel opened the Public Hearing on the 2023 Town Budget at 7:04 PM.

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Harpersfield for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Harpersfield, NY where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield will meet at the Town Hall, 25399 State Hwy 23, at 7:00 PM on November 9, 2022 and at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against any item or items therein contained.

Pursuant to Section 113 of the Town Law, proposed salaries of the elected Town Officers are specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$ 8,500.00
Justice	\$10,200.00
Councilmembers (4 each)	\$ 1,850.00

Town Clerk/Collector	\$33,180.00
Assessor/Chairman	\$ 8,800.00
Assessor	\$ 4,750.00
Assessor	\$ 4,000.00
Supt. of Highways	\$58,000.00

Dated: October 13, 2022

By Order of the Town Board

Town of Harpersfield

Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk

The above public hearing notice was read by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk confirmed that the public hearing notice has been posted on the Town Hall bulletin board since October 29, 2022. Supervisor Eisel asked those present if anyone wanted to be heard? No one came forth to be heard. Supervisor Eisel left the public hearing open in case someone coming in late would like to be heard.

Supervisor Eisel asked if the Board had received the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 12, 2022? The Board had received the minutes. Supervisor Eisel asked the Board if they had any questions, comments or corrections to be made to the minutes? The Board had no questions, comments or corrections to be made to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 12, 2022 as presented was made by Patrick F. Funk seconded by Lisa M. Driscoll. All voting Aye.

Linda E. Goss informed that Board that she has received a copy of a letter addressed to Susan McIntyre, Commissioner of Delaware County Department of Public Works from Tony Signorelli, P.E., Regional Traffic Engineer from New York State Department of Transportation on the speed limit reduction study on County Highway 33. The Traffic Safety and Mobility Office (TSMO) will perform a review of the area to assess the current situation and outline opportunities for improvement. They will notify the appropriate agencies of the results of their review.

Supervisor Eisel updated the Board on Titus Lake Road. The Town Attorney is still working on the violation notices. He had no further information to give the Board.

Supervisor Eisel reported to the Board that in their packets was a copy of a local law to adopt the New York State minimum requirements for enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code. He had received this copy from Lindsey Dodd, Attorney at Young/Sommer. Ms. Dodd stated in her email "As you might be aware, new minimum standards to the New York Uniform Code related to code enforcement will be effective December 30, 2022. So, I reviewed the Town's existing

local law (Ordinance No. 1 of 1986, attached for reference) for the administration and enforcement of the code and found that instead of extensively amending it to accord with the new minimum standards, we should do a complete repeal and adoption of a new local law based on the new model.” A discussion was had. The Board will go over this local law. They have many questions and would like Ms. Dodd to be present at their next meeting.

Supervisor Eisel informed the Board that he has received a proposal to plow snow in the Town Hall and Post Office parking lots from Ted’s Grading & Landscaping. Mr. Dziewit has raised his price \$5.00 from last year’s price due to the increased cost of gas. A discussion was had. A motion to accept the proposal from Ted’s Grading and Landscaping to plow snow in the Town Clerk, Town Justice and Post Office parking lots with salt to be furnished by the Town Highway Department at a cost of \$35.00 per area was made by Patrick F. Funk seconded by Lisa M. Driscoll. All voting Aye.

Supervisor Eisel again asked those present if anyone wished to be heard on the matter of the 2023 budget? No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was closed at 7:20 PM.

Supervisor Eisel asked the Board if they had any further questions or comments on the 2023 budget? The Board had no further questions or comments on the 2023 budget. Supervisor Eisel reported that there will be a .013% increase in the 2023 budget. Councilmember Funk thanked Supervisor Eisel for all of his hard work on the budget. A motion to accept the 2023 Town Budget as presented was made by Erik R. Reeve seconded by Patrick F. Funk. All voting Aye.

Councilmember Driscoll asked Supervisor Eisel if there was any more information on the ambulance service? Supervisor Eisel reported to the Board that there had been a meeting in which a certificate of need was discussed. It seems that each Town can apply to the New York State Department of Health for an EMS Certificate of Need. This has a timeline of one month. If Headwaters EMS applies it can take between one to two years. This issued was discussed but no decision was made. Supervisor Eisel was asked will Headwaters EMS be up and running in 2023? Supervisor Eisel answered he did not think so.

Russell Hatch reported to the Board that the new front end loader has been delivered. After speaking to Supervisor Eisel an extended warranty for the new front end loader has been purchased.

Russell Hatch informed the Board that he has purchased a load of low sulfur diesel fuel, 6,800 gallons without Kerosene as there was none at the port, at a cost of \$4.84 per gallon. A total of \$32,832.44. In January he purchased a load of low sulfur diesel fuel at \$3.40 per gallon. Two years ago it cost \$1.84 per gallon. A discussion was had. A diesel fuel shortage was also discussed.

Russell Hatch reported to the Board that the Highway crew was getting the trucks ready to plow snow. They have also been working on the roads cutting shoulders. Austin Road has been

paved. Russell will check again to make sure that the Town is on the list to be put on a list for a new truck. He also will be checking with Delaware Soil and Water to see about the grant funds for the Reed Road & Gun House Hill Road project.

Gloria Anderson informed the Board that the new culvert looks amazing. A discussion was had.

A motion to accept the Town Clerk's October report in the amount of \$752.30 was made by Lisa M. Driscoll seconded by Patrick F. Funk. All voting Aye.

The abstract and voucher for the month of October were presented to the Board. Presented were General Claims #237 to #266 in the amount of \$11,258.93; Highway Claims #170 to #189 in the amount of \$72,621.98 and Transfer Station Claims #048 to 053 in the amount of \$5,783.54. A motion to pay the vouchers as presented was made by Patrick F. Funk seconded by Erick R. Reeve. All voting Aye.

The Supervisor's report for the month of September was issued to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Linda E. Goss

Town Clerk