

SPECIAL BYRON TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

October 17, 2007

The Special Byron Town Board Budget Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Richard Glazier at 7:00 p.m. with the following people present:

Supervisor.....	Richard Glazier
Councilmen.....	Steven Hohn
	Suzanne Fuller
	Thomas Felton
	Craig Ferguson
Town Clerk.....	Debra Buck-Leaton
Highway Superintendent.....	George Heins
Waste Water Dept.....	Robert Cudney

Absent:

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.....Robert Patterson

Public:

Barb Cudney.....	7072 S. Byron Road, Byron
Jeanne Freeman.....	Hessenthaler Road, Byron
John Ivison.....	Ivison Road, Byron
Donna Bobzin.....	Rte. 237, Byron
Chris and Wendy Hilbert.....	Lyman Road, Bergen
Herald Austin.....	Ivison Road, Byron
John Durand.....	Rte. 262, Byron
Pam Kenward.....	Cockram Road, Byron
Kristin Gordon.....	Bergen
Dick VonBergen.....	Byron

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Supervisor Glazier led the people in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Special Meeting of the
Byron Town Board***

*The Town Board of the Town of Byron will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Town Hall, 7028 Rte. 237, Byron, New York to review the 2008 budget. Other business may be considered at this time.
Debra Buck-Leaton, Byron Town Clerk*

SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND
RESOLUTION #95:

Councilwoman Fuller offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Sewer Capital Improvement and Equipment Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). the purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of capital improvements and equipment. The type of capital improvements and equipment to be financed from the Reserve Fund is reconstruction of the Sewer System.

The Supervisor is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Supervisor may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Town of Byron. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The Supervisor shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the cash and investments of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, expenditures from the Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this Town Board and without a permissive referendum as required by subdivision 4 of Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law.

Councilman Felton seconded the resolution which was adopted by the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

PROPOSED 2007 TOWN OF BYRON BUDGET:

The Town Board discussed the Proposed 2008 Town of Byron Sewer and Highway Budgets line item by line item. The following comments and inquiries were made:

Sewer Preliminary Budget:

·SS8120.2 (Equipment): Credit for \$1,105 is for materials reimbursement for Munnings. This should show as revenue.

·SS8120.4 (Contractual): Increase due to manhole repairs (approximately \$4,800), and the remainder is for pumps that need to be repaired (approximately \$2,200)

·SS8140.2 (Equipment): Bob Cudney gave the Town Board a packet showing a comparison in price between a new truck vs. a used truck. New Ford F250 4 x 4 with plow would be approximately \$21,500. He also put an additional \$2,200 in the SS8140.2 account for generators. He believes \$24,000 would be sufficient in this account. The Town Board agreed to a budget amount of \$24,000.

·SS9060.8IL (Employee Benefits – In-Lieu of Hospitalization) Reduced from \$7,700 to \$7,000.

·SS2120 (Sewer Rents) If amount was reduced to \$100,000 the O&M would be \$103.17 per quarter. If amount was reduced to \$130,000 O&M would be \$111.53 per quarter (\$446.12 per year).

·2008 Debt Service would be \$33.55, O&M would be \$433.60. The quarterly O&M payment would be \$108.40 per unit.

Byron-Bergen Library – Pam Kenward:

- The library is now fully automated.
- Automation costs going from \$3800 this year to \$6,900 next year.
- The library is expecting a budget increase of 5% next year.
- The library would ask the Town Board to consider an increase from \$13,900 this year to \$15,000 for next year.
- Bergen contributes \$58,985 to the Byron-Bergen Public Library.
- Total number of Byron patrons registered at Gillam-Grant is 71. Total of Byron patrons at Byron Bergen Public Library is 12 patrons. Total patrons between the two libraries is over 1,000. These figures do not include juvenile patrons.
- The library gets County funding of \$6,200. Total budget for 2006 is \$99,416. No direct funding from Gillam Grant endowment, but they do pay salaries and operating costs.

Byron and South Byron Fire Departments:

·The rescue squad would still be a part of the fire department for tax purposes, etc. The fire department would be borrowing money for a new ambulance, not the rescue squad.

·The immediacy of the \$5,000 requested for a new ambulance is that the ambulance is 15 years old and has no standard safety features. It would take 18 months to order a new ambulance. The \$5,000 would be an ongoing contribution from the Town.

·Increase in budgeted amount from \$68,000 to \$75,000 for each fire department is due to rising costs of utilities.

·S. Byron can't disclose 2006 books because of a pending legal matter.

·Request for snowplowing driveways – Highway Superintendent Heins believes this is not a reasonable request because if the highway trucks were in a different part of the town they may not be able to make it to the fire departments to plow. Chris Hilbert stated they would just like a path plowed to the firehouse, not the whole parking lot plowed.

Byron Heritage Festival – Jeanne Freeman:

·Jeanne would request that the Town Board keeps the budgeted amount of \$2,000 for the Heritage Festival.

Highway Fund:

·DA9010.8 (Employee Benefits-NYS Retirement) reduced from \$17,000 to \$16,000.

·DA5130.2 (Machinery – Equipment)

·DA5140.1 (Miscellaneous Personal Services) This account can be removed from the budget.

·DA5142.1 (Snow Removal – Personal Services) Decreased amount from \$120,000 to \$115,000.

·DA5142.4 (Snow Removal – Contractual Expense) Decreased amount from \$95,000 to \$90,000

Salt Barn Fund:

·It cost the Town \$13,109.13 to build the Salt Barn. \$70,000 came out of the General Reserve Fund. \$56,890 of the money will be left. There are several options on what to do with this money. It can be put back in the General Reserve, a portion can be put into the Highway Reserve Fund or in another machinery reserve fund. The Town Board would like to replace the money in the General Reserve Fund.

Municipal Bulk Water:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Felton to approve the request by John Ivison for Municipal Bulk Water. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ferguson and carried with the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Ferguson to hold a Special Budget Meeting of the Town Board on October 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fuller and carried with following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

ADJOURN:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Hohn to adjourn the Special Budget Meeting of the Byron Town Board at 10:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fuller and carried with the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Buck-Leaton
Byron Town Clerk