

Town of Corning  
Budget Workshop  
October 15,2021 5:30PM

Supervisor Feehan called the meeting to order.

Councilwoman Mullen made a motion to add a memorial on the website for Highway Superintendent Dylan DeWert.

Councilwoman Mullen asked for a moment of silence for Highway Superintendent DeWert. The Board would like to dedicate the highway building to him if it not already dedicated.

Roll call of members present:

Present

Absent

Councilman Lon Fiscus  
Councilman Stuart Sammis  
Supervisor Kim Feehan  
Councilman Mike Brenning  
Councilwoman Jenn Mullen

Others present:

Water Superintendent Ken Fields and Code Enforcer Brad Laverty.

Residents in the SW5 and SW7 will see a savings on their taxes as the accumulated reserve will be allocated to their debt over the next 10 years.

Supervisor Feehan began by explaining that the preliminary budget is 1.86% over last year's budget but still under the tax cap. There are only two items in question are the salary for Ken, and line item for engineering.

Councilwoman Mullen would like to see the salaries for building and grounds and Superintendent broken down into separate lines for transparency. Bookkeeper Savash suggests using A1620.11, A162012, and .13. He also suggests taking some of the salary that would have been Dylans and adding it to Kens salary. Salaries of elected officials must be posted in the newspaper. It is strongly suggested that Kens salary be posted as well, even though he is appointed.

Ken believes that since Ryan is willing to do computer work and take the CDL test, he should get an increase. The Board will give him one dollar more an hour on top of his raise when he gets the water certificate he is currently working toward, and another increase when he passes the CDL. Scott wants no part of getting his CDL or doing computer work. Councilman Sammis realizes that the Town is not competitive with other municipalities and hopes to work toward rectifying that.

Catlin is still working on their budget so the final numbers for Brads salary are not complete.

Bookkeeper Savash would like to increase his hours and therefor his salary also. He has taken on more tasks to help the Supervisor and is willing to help Ken with the administrative part of the highway responsibility.

Councilman Brenning says he is receiving phone calls regarding Ken holding the water, building & grounds, and highway jobs. He believes it would be better if they were separate. Dylan asked Ken to be the deputy because he needed someone responsible enough to get up at 3 AM and check roads during the winter. Supervisor Feehan suggests Ken do the water and highway, and Scott do the Building & grounds and the cemeteries. Councilman Brenning would like to discuss further with Ken and then decide the salary and responsibilities. Mr. Savash explained that Dylan suggested Bill Walters as deputy and an asset to Kenny as he has a great deal of experience and a good work ethic.

The next budget workshop will be held November 12,2021 at 5:30 PM

The motion to enter executive session was made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Fiscus. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Mullen made the motion to leave executive session and Councilman Sammis seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mullen and seconded by Councilman Brenning. All in favor. Motion carried.

These minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Edwards  
Town Clerk