

TOWN OF ESSEX

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Edward Gardner
Supervisor

Patricia Gardner
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TOWN COUNCIL:

Claire LaPine
Bryan Garvey
James LaForest
Gretel Schueller

November 9 2017, 6:00pm
Public Hearing

Deputy Supervisor LaPine called the hearing to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call: Present Councilperson LaPine Excused: Supervisor Gardner
 Councilperson Garvey
 Councilperson LaForest
 Councilperson Schueller

Colleen VanHoven thanked the board for increase the line item budget for the library.

Andy Buchanon asked what the amount is for the Grange. The board answered him. He then asked why such a low figure for the grange line item. That he understood a new contract would be made but how can the board justify such a low amount. How did you come to \$1500? Claire answered it was for utilities for January through April. He stated that he has sought legal advice and that there is not anything illegal about our current MOU. He suggested the board budget \$6000 as last year.

Ken Hughes wanted to know if there is a replacement fund for the purchase of new equipment either for the highway, sewer etc. He was told yes.

Having no other comments, Deputy Supervisor closed the hearing.

November 9, 2017, 6:30pm
Town Board Meeting

Deputy Supervisor LaPine opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: Present Councilperson LaPine Excused: Supervisor Gardner
 Councilperson Garvey
 Councilperson LaForest
 Councilperson Schueller

Supervisor offered the floor. Ken Hughes stated that the Essex Initiatives will be sponsoring Christmas in Essex on December 8 through the 10th Tree lighting on Dec 8th, vendor sales on the 9th and the Christmas Carol will be at the Grange on the 10th.

Motion made by Bryan Garvey and seconded by Gretel Schueller to accept the minutes from Public Hearing on 10/12/17, Town Board Meeting on 11/12/17 and Preliminary Budget Meeting on 10/17/17.

Roll Call: Yea Nay
Councilperson LaPine X

Councilperson Garvey	X
Councilperson LaForest	X
Councilperson Schueller	X
Supervisor Gardner	Excused

The communication between the water tower and the pumps is not working. Verizon has been here 3 times and they say that the line is good but it is still not working. Tina had System Controls look at the control panels and they are working properly. She also stated that the Verizon techs stated they really knew nothing about this system. Tina has research a radio-controlled system like the one in use at the sewer plant. Wells Communication proposal is \$7,038 and Adirondack 2-Way Radio, Inc is \$8954.

On a motion made by Bryan Garvey and seconded by Gretel Schueller to accept the proposal from Wells communication contingent on the bill not to exceed \$8,100 including licensing and warranty.

Roll Call:	Yea	Nay
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilperson LaForest	X	
Councilperson Schueller	X	
Supervisor Gardner	Excused	

This past July, it was requested to turn water on at the Fine house on Main Street. When Tina arrived, she asked them if they were just checking the pipes, she would come back later to turn it off. The contractor then told her not to because they needed it longer than that because it was going to be rented. They never called to have the water turned off. Missy Fine-Lease claims that she should not be billed for the water/sewer because it had been shut off. Apparently, the contractor shut it off inside. She wants the bills to reflect no water usage.

Bryan Garvey made a motion and Claire LaPine seconded, that the billing is correct according to our current water law. All in favor, no nays.

Bryan Garvey made a motion to accept the levy for water and sewer unpaid bills and that they should be sent to the county to add to the 2018 property tax. James LaForest seconded motion. All in favor no nays.

Resolution 62-2017 is being made to rescind Resolution 55-2017 A Local Law No 1 of 2016 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c" because the budget is below the current tax cap.

Motion by: Gretel Schueller Seconded By: Bryan Garvey

Roll Call:	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilperson LaForest	X	
Councilperson Schueller	X	
Supervisor Gardner	Excused	

Deputy Supervisor LaPine asked for discussion concerning the items brought up at the public hearing on the budget. Councilperson Schueller felt that the line item for the Grange should be adjusted to show the same amount as the 2017 budget. Councilpersons Garvey and LaForest felt that it should remain as in place in the 2018 Budget, being that a new contract will be effective in April. They stated that, if with the new contract the Town is going to pay these items, it will be a line item adjustment at that time.

Resolution 61-2017 Bryan Garvey made and James LaForest seconded a motion to approve the 2018 Budget as presented.

	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilperson LaForest	X	
Councilperson Schueller		X

Supervisor Gardner

Excused

Deputy Supervisor asked the board if there was anything else to be discuss. Councilperson Schueller stated that she felt that the town needs to enforce our recycling program at the Transfer Station. She said people are still comingling their recyclables with their trash. It was decided to get flyers up there for them to hand out describing the proper way to recycle. Also, we can make a sign stating that effective January 1st, if your recyclables are not sorted, they will not be accepted.

Bryan Garvey made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk