

The October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Town of Tioga special board meeting and budget workshop was brought to order at 5:00pm.

Present were Councilman Drew Griffin, Councilman Paul Welch, Councilman Gerald Hyatt with Deputy Supervisor Robert Strong presiding.

Also present was Highway Superintendent Russell Story, Krista Story, Kris Morris, Jordan Douglas, Rusty Stoughton, Andrew Klossner, Bookkeeper Angela Zito, Honorable Michele Bogart and Doug Chrzanowski.

Tioga Center Fire Department presented a bill to the Town for the amount of \$2,547.00 for the water softening system that they quoted for the total amount of \$8,490.00 to the Fire Department. There was some controversial discussion on the matter between the Board and Fire Commissioner Kris Morris. Mr. Morris stated that if the Town chose not to participate in part of the cost of the system the Town Hall would receive the same quality water we have now and not benefit from the new system. Mr. Morris was asked what the reason behind purchasing the softener was for the fire department and his response was "he wasn't in favor of the project but was outvoted."

Superintendent Story stated he was looking into bonding funding for BridgeNY Program for the replacement of Diamond Valley Bridge.

Dog Control Officer Kyle Flemming's suspension And employment was discussed.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to terminate the contract with the Town of Owego for Dog Control services, effective immediately, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to place an ad with the Courier and PennySaver to hire a new Dog Control Officer for the Town to run for two weeks with all resumes submitted to the Town Hall by November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by noon, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

#### Budget Workshop

Councilman Hyatt made the motion for a 4% pay increase for all employees, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

The following changes were made to the tentative budget:

#### General Fund:

A1110.4 Justice Contractual \$4,000.00 to \$3,500.00

A1320.4 Auditor Contractual \$5,000.00 to \$4,000.00

A3010.4 Code Enforcement Contractual \$4,000.00 to \$3,500.0

A4020.4 Vital Statistics Contractual \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00

A5010.4 Highway Admin Contractual \$10,000.00 to \$8,000.00

A7510.4 Historian Contractual \$1,400.00 to \$1,300.00

A8560.4 Shade Tree Contractual \$500.00 to \$0.00

Revenue Accounts:

A1120 Tax Distribution By County \$110,000.00 to \$125,000.00

A1170 Franchises \$12,000.00 to \$25,000.00

A2612 Tioga County Traffic Diversion Program \$2,500.00 to \$2,000.00

A3005 Mortgage Tax \$30,000.00 to \$45,000.00

Highway Fund:

DA5110.41 Fuel \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00

DA5112.2 CHIP's \$520,000.00 to \$540,000.00

DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment \$82,000.00 to \$47,000.00

DA5140.4 Pit Contractual \$40,000.00 to \$33,000.00

Revenue Accounts:

DA1120 Tax Distribution By County \$375,000.00 to \$450,000.00

DA3501 Consolidated Highway Aid \$520,000.00 to \$540,000.00

Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept the 2024 Tentative Budget presented with the changes made and move to 2024 Preliminary Budget, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin made the motion to schedule the Preliminary Hearing for the 2024 Preliminary Budget to be held on November 14, 2023 at 6:30pm, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye

Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Bookkeeper Angela Zito requested the Board consider bonuses for workers that worked during COVID with the ARPA money we received as other municipalities have done this.

The Board will look into this.

Superintendent Story presented quotes for a 2,600lb patch roller. One quote was for \$22,000.00 for a gas powered one and \$38,000.00 for a diesel powered one.

The Board tabled discussion on this until the following November 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Resolution #10-2023**

**APPROVAL OF THE 2023 AND FUTURE AMENDMENTSTO THE MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS  
TO THE MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE GRESTER TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM (GTCMHIC)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga, as members of Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC), must approve any changes to the GTCMHIC Municipal Cooperative Agreement (MCA) by resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, GTCMHIC must amend the MCA annually when any new members are approved at the Annual Board of Directors meeting, and

**WHEREAS**, from time-to-time other changes are made to the MCA as necessary and when changes are made, they are reported at the Annual Meeting with membership approval, now therefore be it,

**RESOLVED**, until rescinded by resolution our current presiding elected official is approved to sign, without further action, any GTCMHIC MCA updates that have been advanced at the GTCMHIC Board of Directors meeting and approved by the Department of Financial Services, and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the GTCMHIC is directed to keep this resolution on file to accompany any current presiding elected official signatures to amended MCA changes.

Councilman Welch made the motion to close the Special Meeting and Budget Workshop at 7:19 and open an executive session, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to close executive session and reopen the Special Meeting and Budget Workshop at 7:35pm, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Hyatt made the motion to terminate Karen Wells as Town of Tioga Court Clerk effective October 27, 2023, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Welch made the motion to appoint Krista Story as Town of Tioga Court Clerk effective October 27, 2023, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Hyatt – Aye	Deputy Supervisor Strong – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin made the motion to adjourn at 7:40pm, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf  
Tioga Town Clerk