

**State of New York
County of Fulton
Town of Stratford BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
Municipal Building, 120 Piseco Road
October 11, 2018**

Present:

Allicia Rice	Supervisor
Richard Fogarty	Councilman
Joan Ploss	Councilwoman
Lorraine Rumrill	Councilwoman
Allan Perkins	Councilman
Heather VanDenburgh	Town Clerk
Charles Goodwin	Highway Superintendent
Kelly Wilder	Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

Number of Residents in Attendance: 0

Supervisor Rice called to order the second budget workshop meeting for fiscal year 2019 at 5:34pm. She notified the Town Board that she had either delivered or emailed the Preliminary Budget to everyone, including the Town Clerk, by the deadline of October 5th, 2018. Bookkeeper Wilder stated that we were able to keep under the 2% tax cap without overriding. Supervisor Rice explained that when property assessments go down, our taxes will go up to recuperate the loss. News that a highway employee was leaving the highway department was discussed, along with the budget changes that could be made by the elimination or part-time hire of another highway employee. Councilman Fogarty suggested not rehiring a mechanic, and taking the potential \$45,000 saved towards the repairs in the Highway Building. Bookkeeper Wilder stated that the Town should discuss the union implications with their attorney before proceeding. A few questions and clarifications on the budgetary amounts were discussed and answered. Bookkeeper Wilder stated in that the changes that the Town Board members might want to enact can be done after the 2019 Budget is adopted, and will not affect the current preliminary budget. Supervisor Rice stated that the Adopted 2019 Town of Stratford Budget is requested by Fulton County on November 13, 2018, although NYS requires it by November 20th, 2018.

All Board Members agreed to adopt the 2019 Preliminary Budget, contingent on a discussion with the Town of Stratford Attorney regarding the implications of employee and union contract changes. A special meeting might be called before the next regular Town Board meeting if Attorney Macri gives them information that might change the budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, to pass the 2019 preliminary budget.

AYES 5 **Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill**
NAYS 0

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill, to set the Public Hearing of the 2019 Preliminary Budget on November 8th, 2018, during the Regular Town Board Meeting.

AYES 5 **Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill**
NAYS 0

A motion to go into Executive Session at 6:08pm was made by Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss.

AYES 5 **Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill**
NAYS 0

A motion to resume the Budget Workshop at 6:32pm was made by Councilwoman Ploss, seconded by Councilwoman Rumrill.

AYES 5 **Rice, Fogarty, Perkins, Ploss, Rumrill**
NAYS 0

On a motion from Councilwoman Rumrill, seconded by Councilwoman Ploss, the October 11th 2018 Budget Workshop was adjourned at 6:32pm.

Heather VanDenburgh, Town Clerk