

BUDGET DISCUSSION TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 29, 2021

A Budget Discussion Meeting of the Lansing Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY, and streamed live on YouTube on the above date at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Edward LaVigne, Supervisor, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call by Deborah K. Munson, Town Clerk, showed the following to be

PRESENT:

Andra Benson, Councilperson	Doug Dake, Councilperson (remotely)
Bronwyn Losey, Councilperson (remotely)	Joseph Wetmore, Councilperson
Edward LaVigne, Supervisor	

ABSENT: No one absent

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Dedrick and Hugh Bahar

ALSO PRESENT REMOTELY: Charmagne Rumgay, Town of Lansing Bookkeeper, Mike Moseley, Deputy Highway Superintendent, Guy Krogh, Town Counsel, C.J. Randall, Director of Planning, Mary Ellen Albrecht, Information Aide, and a few other attendees

2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Several questions were asked and clarification was provided by Bookkeeper Charmagne Rumgay, Supervisor Edward LaVigne, and Highway Superintendent Mike Moseley.

Sales Tax Revenue

Ed and Charmagne stated:

- Projection about \$200,000 increase
 - Average of last five (5) months of 2020 and first seven (7) months of 2021
- Planning Department 26%
- Highway Department 74%

Highway Department

Ed stated:

- Did not use \$200,000 for roads in 2020

Salmon Creek Road, Holden Road and Davis Road

Mike stated:

- Need stone and oil next year
- Additional money in budget for road improvements

Land Use Consultant (help with zoning)

C.J. Randall stated:

- Will be part of the budget
 - Not included yet

American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA)

Ed and Charmagne stated:

- Town received \$400,000
- Not part of the budget
- Capital projects account
- Need to know and follow parameters
- Town Board will decide later how to spend funds
 - Possibly February 2022

BELL STATION COUNSEL DISCUSSION

NYSEG withdrew Bell Station land from auction – Town Board, Town Counsel Guy Krogh, and Director of Planning C.J. Randall

- Town should be proactive with strategy
- Do not know what NYSEG will do since auction was cancelled

- Good to understand options
 - Consultant way to go
- Questions and answers helpful to achieve whatever the Town goal is
- Many parties involved
 - Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
 - Public Service Commission (PSC)
 - Parks department
 - New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG)
 - Power plant
 - Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT)
- How will Bell Station go from NYSEG ownership to another ownership
 - In sync with Town wishes
- If 500 acres, could be state forest

Clement Nadeau, P.E. – possible consultant

- Qualifications
 - Professional engineer
 - Retired from National Grid
 - Regulatory proceedings with PSC
 - Part time consultant
 - Completed multi party negotiations

Mr. Nadeau, P.E. stated:

- Steps to take
 1. Talk to parties – find out interests
 2. Town take lead on negotiations
 3. DEC should take leadership role, but Town could push lead
- Work with small team and break up tasks
- Town prioritize use of land
- Break up land by types of use
- NYSEG has vested interest with Public Service Commission (PSC) proceeding
 - Public Service Commission must approve plan

Ed proposed to hire Mr. Nadeau for a total of \$7,500, about 22 hours.

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Supervisor Edward LaVigne, moved to **AUTHORIZE C.J. RANDALL TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT LETTER WITH CLEMENT NADEAU, P.E. UP TO \$7,500, TO BE PAID OUT OF FUND BALANCE. AGREEMENT MAY BE RENEWED, IF NECESSARY,**

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore, seconded the motion.

All in Favor – 5

Opposed – 0

Supervisor Edward LaVigne, Director of Planning C.J. Randall, and Town Counsel Guy Krogh will consult with Clement Nadeau, P.E.

ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Supervisor at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes taken and executed by the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah K. Munson, RMC
Town Clerk