

2017 Tentative Budget Workshop
November 9, 2016 4:45 p.m.

Vice Chairman Kinowski called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT – Timothy Szczepaniak, Alan Grattidge, Philip C. Barrett, Jonathan Schopf, Preston Allen, Jean Raymond, Paul Lent, Daniel Pemrick, Arthur M. Wright, Kevin Tollisen, Vincent DeLucia, Thomas Richardson, Daniel Lewza, Willard H. Peck, John Collyer, Thomas N. Wood, III, Peter Martin, Matthew E. Veitch, Edward D. Kinowski, Arthur J. Johnson – 20. ABSENT –Richard Lucia, Gardner Congdon, John Lawler - 3.

The Clerk read the rules of the Budget Workshop.

Mr. Lent made a motion to waive the reading of the General Budget Overview item as well as the Law and Finance Amendments. He said he thinks everyone had an ample opportunity to take a look at all the information and we'd be better served to go right to discussion. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. Mr. Peck asked if Mr. Hellwig could give an overview of the Law and Finance Amendments as most of the Supervisors were seeing them for the first time. Mr. Lent amended his motion to dispense with only the General Budget Overview item. Mr. Wood seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hellwig stated the changes to the tentative budget that are included in that document are changes that were approved by the Law & Finance Committee and had a net total of approximately \$457,694 for personnel changes. This was down from the \$2.2M that was requested. The gross cost of the approved personnel changes was \$577,467 after the revenues were taken into consideration the net increase to the tentative budget would be \$554,000. Beyond that, there were changes relative to funding outside supported organizations: Saratoga County Agricultural Society an additional \$10,000, Cornell Cooperative Extension an additional \$10,506, \$5,000 for Lakes to Locks, \$25,000 for fish stocking and \$15,000 for the Saratoga Raceway Foundation. As an offset to the additional costs for the outside agencies the appropriation for land preservation will be reduced by \$100,000.

Mr. Kinowski asked if there were any requests for amendments. He said for a number of weeks the budget has been out there and the information has been available which has given supervisors plenty of time to make comments if they wanted to. Law and Finance met and he invited open comments from anyone from the floor as well as the committee. He has met and talked with Supervisors individually and said he has presented a fair situation along with the County Administrator and his Deputy for budget for this year.

Mr. Hellwig said the remaining budget schedule is a public hearing on the budget for December 6st at 4:30pm in the County Board Rooms and then a special Board Meeting on December 14th at 4:45 p.m. to adopt the budget.

On a motion by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Budget Workshop was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright, Clerk