

**MINUTES  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Trout, Councilman Mike Pfeiffer, Howard Strader, and Councilman Lotz.

**ABSENT:**

Councilman Thomas

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull, Assessor, Jim Cleere, Account Clerk, Kelly Passalacqua and Ted Young.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Trout led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FIRE EXITS:**

Supervisor Trout indicated where the fire exits were located.

Supervisor Trout and the Council Members discussed a letter that was sent to him and the Board Members from Acting Town Justice, Conrad Struzik. Judge Struzik has asked that the position of court clerk receive an hourly salary of \$20.00 per hour. Judge Struzik said the court clerk is full time and has been in the position since January of 2006 and was part time for years prior to that commencing in May of 2001. He said the clerk is one of the most experienced clerks in the Seneca County Town and Village Courts. He also said she is routinely asked to assist in training new clerks throughout the county. He said her experience keeps the court running smoothly.

Judge Struzik said this increase would bring the clerk salary in line with the other clerks throughout the county.

Judge Struzik also asked to hire a part-time secondary clerk at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour. He stated that rather spending money on court room security a second, part-time clerk would be of better service on court nights than court room security.

The Judge also asked for a 3% increase in his annual salary.

Mr. Ted Young addressed the board and said he feels the annual salary of the Acting Justice is very high (\$17,304.34) considering he only has town court two nights a week and works approximately 8 hours per month. He said that equates to an hourly rate \$172.00 per hour.

Councilman Strader said those figures that Mr. Young said were accurate and he agrees with him that it is a high hourly rate for the amount of hours worked.

The Town Board reviewed the salary schedule for all Elected Officials, Part-Time and Appointed Positions. After much discussion, Supervisor Trout asked everyone except the Board Members to leave the meeting.

After fifteen minutes, Supervisor Trout came out of the meeting and asked us to return to the meeting.

Supervisor Trout went line by line on the salary sheet and the following positions were recommended to receive a 2% increase in salary.

The Town Clerk, Registrar, Supervisor's Administrative Assistant, Assessor/Code Enforcement Officer, Real Property Tax Aide, Zoning/Planning Administrative Assistant, (this position is combined with the Real Property Tax Aide, Justice Clerk, Accounting Clerk, Tax Collector Aide, Cleaner, Highway Laborer's, Deputy Town Clerk, Water/Sewer Laborer, and the Water/Sewer Assistant.

The Highway Superintendent, Tax Collector and seasonal highway laborer were not given an increase in salary.

The Supervisor and Councilman's salaries will remain the same for 2020.

The Planning and Zoning Board Chairpersons and Members will also remain the same for 2020.

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Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 PM. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

**AYE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Strader  
Councilman Lotz

**NAE**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Ridley  
Town Clerk