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A SPECIAL MEETING of the Town Board of the Town of Day, County of Saratoga, State of New York, was held in the Day Town Hall, 1650 North Shore Road, Hadley, NY on October 10, 2023.

Supervisor Diana Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:00am with the following members present: Councilwoman Lorraine Newton, Councilman Joe Flacke, Councilman George Lembo and Highway Superintendent Lehman Allen, Jr. Absent: Councilman Curt Schreiner

Supervisor Edwards explained that the purpose of this Special Meeting was to review the Tentative Budget for 2024.

Highway Superintendent Lehman Allen, Jr. started the meeting with a review of his budget as he needed to leave to join his crew.

Contractual was raised. CHIPS reimbursement went up. Current budget is \$225,000.00, next year it is going to be \$258,000.00.

The highway will be able to pave more in 2024.

Taking delivery of new tandem dump truck mid-year of 2024.

Supervisor Edwards reports that she has put aside \$100,000.00 a new garbage truck for next year.

Highway Superintendent Lehman Allen, Jr. reports that there was some damage to a culvert on Military Road. The grinding company will help out with repairs. Will have to cut pavement to fix.

Supervisor Edwards informs those present that the fund balance is noted on budget. The Supervisor also let those present know that the Assessor is looking into how much of the Town is State land. The Comptroller would need to be informed if we are over 30% of State land.

Highway Superintendent Allen pointed out that the current recycling truck is a 2008. Recommends that the Town purchase a single axle instead of tandom with a packer. Town could then use recycling truck to pick up garbage if garbage truck breaks down. Would cover all bases that way.

Won't know final until Town Engineer Garry Robinson turns in the final info on FEMA bridge work.

Have put items in grants portal so things are still moving along. Split between General and Highway. \$700,000.00 contribution from General Fund with 1.3 million from Highway fund.

Councilman Joe Flacke suggested a cash flow budget for each quarter.

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Superintendent Allen explained that a 2002 tandem dump truck that is being replaced in 2024 with new electronics, will probably only have a life span of approx. 15 years not 20 years as they used to have. The new electronics do not last as long as they did previously.

Supervisor Edwards pointed out that contractuals dropped. There are varying rates of 3, 4 and 5% for elective positions. Will address at next meeting.

The Justice will be traveling more due to additional duties (conferences) numerous other meeting and events. The Judge will be traveling weekly.

Judge Johnsen has stated that he is honored to be a Judge in our Town.

Councilwoman Lorraine Newton is fine with increase in .4 as it is only one year.

Councilman Lembo felt that the Board needs to give consideration to taxpayers for doing extra responsibilities for State.

Judges .4 will be brought down to \$8,000.00.

Supervisor Edwards provided a summary of why the Supervisors .1 (salary) line item went up considerably.

Councilwoman Lorraine Newton knows how monumental a job it is and talked with Councilman Curt Schreiner about it previously. Knows that the Supervisor also serves on Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. Would not be opposed to a \$45,000.00 salary.

Councilman George Lembo has given Supervisor credit for all the work she has done. Some sort of raise is in order. For now be more conservative (in line with other raises). Councilman Joe Flacke has mixed feelings – how many hours a week, and is basically lower than other people are making in Town. Are other Supervisors in the \$42,000.00 to \$45,000.00 range. The Highway Superintendent guys has raises – don't know why Supervisor is so low.

Various calculations were put forth by Supervisor Edwards using different hourly amounts for 32 hours per week.

Councilman Joe Flacke feels more research needs to be done on it.

Councilman George Lembo doesn't want to see her being underpaid for all the work she does.

Councilman Joe Flacke would like a policy to cover raises for new hires. Councilman George Lembo wants to be fair to employees.

Supervisor Edwards that a data collector for the Assessor's office would go out in the field and collect information two days a week. The Towns equalization rate dropped again. Data collection will be addressed at workshop.

The workshop will be on Monday, October 16th at 12:45pm.

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Motion, made by Councilman George Lembo, seconded by Councilman Joe Flacke to **adjourn** this Special meeting of the Day Town Board was made at 12.15pm. Ayes: Supervisor Edwards, Councilman Curt Schreiner, Councilman Joe Flacke and Councilman George Lembo.

Carried 3 – 0

(Councilwoman Lorraine Newton had to leave this Special meeting prior to the end.)