

Town of Hamilton 2018 Special Budget Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Held at the Hamilton Public Library, 13 Broad Street, Hamilton

Present: Eve Ann Shwartz, Peter Darby, David Holcomb, Chris Rossi. Absent: Suzanne Collins. Others Present: Brynley Wilcox, Sue Reymers, Jason Florenz, Jody & Keith Palmer.

Supervisor Shwartz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET:

Review of 2018 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Darby explained that this meeting was scheduled for after the referendum in case there needed to be changes. We've been through the whole budget. Unless somebody wants to go back and review parts of the budget, I don't think we need to go through line by line again.

Resolution to move Preliminary Budget to Proposed Budget

RESOLUTION 2017-136: To Move 2018 Preliminary Budget to 2018 Proposed Budget

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was ADOPTED: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0

Resolved that the 2018 Preliminary Budget be moved to the Proposed Budget.

Ruthann asked them to review the bottom line. Mr. Darby reviewed it. Supervisor Shwartz asked Ms. Wilcox about why there is a difference between the tax roll and the assessment numbers from the County? Ms. Wilcox said that she spoke with the Assessor and their program is constantly updating. The number difference is not significant. Supervisor Shwartz asked her to contact the County again to see if the numbers will change. Ms. Wilcox said that right now, the numbers on the budget are the same numbers that the County provided that they provided in their email. Ms. Wilcox will ask the County if the numbers will change again prior to the tax bills being run. Supervisor Shwartz reiterated that the purpose of the meeting was to meet post referendum, but the town will still owe the \$400,000, so there is no getting around that. We also still need to rebuild the fund balance. We just don't know how much we need to rebuild it. So the \$75,000 that is in the budget is basically causing this amount of increase. Maybe in five years, we won't have as much of a hole to build back up. And then we'll be able to drop the taxes.

Adoption of 2018 Proposed Budget

RESOLUTION 2017-137: Adoption of the 2018 Budget

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0

Resolved that the budget for 2018 be adopted as submitted. (ATTACHMENT A)

OTHER BUSINESS**Approval of October 12, 2017 minutes****RESOLUTION 2017-138: Approval of October 12, 2017 Minutes**

On a motion of Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Darby, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the minutes for October 12, 2017 be approved.

Tax Bill Memo - Content Approval**RESOLUTION 2017-139: Approval of Tax Bill Memo Content**

On a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the two page tax bill memo be approved with one minor change.

Executive Session - Personnel and Advice of Counsel**RESOLUTION 2017-140: Executive Session**

On a motion Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Resolved that this Board move into an Executive Session for the purposes of personnel and advice of counsel at 7:14 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2017-141: Return to Regular Session

On a motion Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Darby, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Resolved that the Board return to regular session at 8:34 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2017-142: Appointment of Building Committee Members

On a motion of Councilmember Holcomb, seconded by Councilmember Rossi, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the following members be appointed to the Building Committee: Eve Ann Shwartz, Peter Darby, Mark Miller, Sue Reymers, Mary Dinski, Travis DuBois, Shari Taylor, Jody Palmer, Tim Trueworthy, Roger Bauman, and John Bailey.

RESOLUTION 2017-143: Paid Family Leave Act

On a motion of Councilmember Rossi, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Town of Hamilton will participate in the Paid Family Leave Act.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Darby, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Suzanne Reymers, Town Clerk