

Town of Carroll
Town Board Minutes
November Special Meeting 8:00pm
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

A Special Public Hearing November Meeting of the Town of Carroll was held on the 18th day of November 2020 at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Hall Municipal Building, 5 W. Main Street, Frewsburg, New York, with the following board members present:

Supervisor Russell Payne
Councilwoman Patty Ekstrom
Councilman Thomas Fenton
Councilman Thomas Allison
Councilman Kenneth Dahlgren

Others in attendance were: Water Supervisor Daniel Sisson, Highway Superintendent, James Mitchener, Police Chief William Nelson, Code Enforcement Officer Alan Gustafson, Mel Feather

COCID-19 restrictions were being followed, and this meeting was open to public attendance. This meeting was also put on Face Book Live for any other residents wanting to view the meeting.

At 8:00pm Supervisor Russell Payne called the November 2020 Special Public Hearing to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public statements, announcements, and questions:

Supervisor Payne stated that this meeting is a Public Hearing to address the adoption of the 2021 Town of Carroll Budget. Supervisor Payne supplied the figures that were changed at the previous budget workshop that took place at 6:00pm on that same evening. The final figures will be submitted to BLB for the final printing as soon as possible.

Supervisor Payne opened comments from the floor. Mel Feather stood and spoke on behalf of Myer's Library. He was very happy to hear that the Town's financial commitment to the Library has stayed the same for 2021. He stated

that the Library had just adopted their budget the night before and their budget depends greatly on the funding from the town, he added that he believes it to be almost 38% of the Library's total annual budget. He thanked the town for their support of the Library.

Supervisor Payne stated that after looking further into the budget, some cuts were able to be made, along with some revenue that was overlooked, he was happy to announce that there will be no increase in the budget this year, and in fact, after the final numbers are gone over by BLB, there is a great chance that there will be a budget decrease for the 2021 Town of Carroll budget.

He stated that looking forward, he is hoping that 2021 will even be brighter than 2020 with COVID restrictions and effects of loss of revenue from this pandemic.

Supervisor Payne stated that after several work sessions of budget talks and adjustments, using figures that the board has supplied, and the cuts that have been made, he requested a motion to adopt the budget as completed. Councilwoman Patty Ekstrom made the motion to adopt the 2021 Preliminary Budget with the figures that the board worked on most recently as the Adopted 2021 Town of Carroll Budget, second by Councilman Thomas Fenton. All in Favor, Carried.

Supervisor Payne requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Councilman Thomas Fenton made the motion; Councilman Kenneth Dahlgren seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Rowley
Town of Carroll Clerk