The following Town Officials were in attendance:

- Supervisor: Douglas LaGrange
- Councilperson: Adam Greenberg, Daniel Leinung, William Hennessy, Patricia Snyder
- Highway Superintendent: Kenneth Guyer
- Town Clerk: Diane Deschenes

1. Call to Order
Supervisor LaGrange called the workshop to order at 6:30 PM. Proof of publication was provided. Supervisor LaGrange went through the budget page by page as usual and as he said in his email, we have some big additions both in health insurance and the Sheriff’s EMS program. We started out by proposing using $93,000 of fund balance out of the A fund. He and Mrs. Boehlke were talking about that today. They thought maybe they’d look into the numbers. By the way, we’d still be under the cap and we had about $39,000 left to work with however the Board wanted to use it. So, we talked about today maybe bringing that A fund tax rate up to the 2% mark that would gain us about $33,000. That would work and still give us some room to play around.

Councilperson Snyder said it looked like it was 2% already. Supervisor LaGrange replied, “No, not the A fund. If you go to the sheet we gave you tonight with the percentages you’ll see it was like 1.4% or something like that.” Mrs. Boehlke said that it wasn’t much of an increase. Mrs. Boehlke said that she went through the budget and took last year’s tax revenue in A and brought that up by 2% to start us with a budget number. With growth factors and things like that we could raise more and still be under a 2% increase in the tax rate. There is an amount of $39,000 left that we could apportion to different places. Obviously A has a large amount and we could apportion another $33,000 of that to A without going over the 2% and without exceeding the cap. Mrs. Kavanaugh added that as it stands now there is actually a slight decrease. Councilperson Snyder asked where the difference was. Supervisor LaGrange said that we are talking about maybe moving that up to 2%. Councilperson Leinung said that it’s the same as what’s in our book. Mrs. Boehlke said that if you look to the right it tells you the dollar increase and the percentage increase. Mrs. Kavanaugh referred to the very bottom where it says “levy included in the cap.” Mrs. Boehlke said that it’s $2,930,000. To the right of that the box it says $39,961. We can apportion that wherever. Supervisor LaGrange said that the big picture is the $93,000 we didn’t consider was a major hit to A fund because we will still have about a 37% fund balance in there. We’ve always talked about staying around 20% to 30%. Generally we don’t use what we set aside for fund balance. Always remember this is a budget. We are trying to figure out the direction we are going, but that $93,000 could be reduced by about $33,000 if we go to that 2% in the A fund. He didn’t mean to get off base but he did want to give us that. Supervisor LaGrange said that as a preface to get us going here.

A1010 Town Board (page 47)
Supervisor LaGrange said we didn’t put in an increase but I still think the Board should be at the very minimum $10,000. A 2% COLA won’t get us there. Again, when we did the study for the salary scale years ago, that’s where we were short.

A1110 Justice Courts (page 51)
Supervisor LaGrange said that we didn’t have a submission from the Court so we took what we had last year and used that. The only addition was the new clerk at a level 5 which is up from the previous clerk who was a level 4. We do have Judge Johnson here if there are any questions or if he wants to point out anything. We do have a concern in the sense of revenue. It’s one of those things. We did put together some information which is in the Board’s extra stuff that shows the revenue over the years and gives you an idea of what’s going on there. If that’s any help. As of September 27th it looks like we’re on track for about $82,500 revenue this year. Last year it was $114,000. We were less in the hole from previous years. This kind of gives you an idea. It looks like that could be about $37,000 whereas where we were back in 2016 was quite similar to that but not as bad as 2012 where we at $53,000. From what I learned we are never going to cover the courts expenditures with revenue but it just gives you the big picture. Councilperson Snyder asked
why there was a decrease. Judge Johnson said that he didn’t have a number for the Board this evening. He’d like to see the total number of cases that we’ve handled compared to last year. As the Board knows he was here two years ago trying to make a great case for how busy we were getting. In 2018 we were busy, but now the roller coaster is going down the other way. August is somewhat illusory and you will probably see an increase in October. We had a couple of weeks where we didn’t have the prosecutor and stuff. As he told Supervisor LaGrange earlier in the week, Judge Wukitsch will have 150-plus cases on Thursday night. Normally the prosecutor’s night will run 105-110. On the 27th Judge Johnson has 148 scheduled now. That’s because we had no clerk and no prosecutor at the beginning of the month. Right now we are headed to the fourth largest production in 10 years. He doesn’t think it’s going to be quite that bad. He will find out where our caseload is compared to what we had before.

The other thing is that he spoke to Mrs. Boehlke a few minutes ago just briefly saying what we are going to try get for you is how much of our revenue comes from bail forfeited. As of January 1, 2020, our court will not be able to charge bail except for two types of charges. The new criminal procedure law amendments that went in July completely eliminate bail. That was an offshoot of New York State. The question wasn’t what bail was going to be; it was, what can you afford? We’ve now extended that to unless it’s a felony or one of two misdemeanors you cannot put bail on anybody. Obviously if we’re not putting bail on anybody there won’t be any forfeitures of bail. That stream of revenue will probably disappear. The other problem with that frankly is that we’re being told that we are going to have to return any bail that we have to people who posted it. That’s probably not as bad as the bail bondsmen who have been given premiums for bail bond, which I suppose they’ve spent to maintain their businesses, and now they may be required to return premiums on bonds forfeited. There is a lot going on right now. Judge Johnson recently attended a four-hour seminar on right to a speedy trial. That’s another thing we’re going to be required to do. In each case we need to notify the defense after 15 days the total amount of evidence and what will be brought against them should they proceed to trial. It’s pretty crazy basically, especially when we get into to DWI cases. Many times if drugs are involved its two to three months before the information comes back in so that’s going to be another issue. At any time where there is a change in case after January 1st we have to notify the defendant by text, mail, or phone call of what’s happened in the case, not just their attorney but the defendant. That will be another issue of what has to be done. Judge Johnson said that he wasn’t making excuses; he just wanted the Board to understand that we’re probably going to have more energy as an expense per case now than we have right now. So, again, he will get some information out to the Board. It won’t change why we are leaving the budget where it is. They will try and live within their budget. We are aware of these numbers. As Judges, it is mandated that we can’t consider what our budget results are in order to affect or not affect our fining of individuals. Again, he’s going to try to be efficient. We are working on the training issues that we have. As you all know we have a new part-time clerk. She’s really hit the ground running. She’s doing very well and she’s very self-starting, asking a lot of questions, and we like the energy we’ve seen.

Councilperson Hennessy said that from what we see here, we see the Judges’ reports every month and over the eight years he’s been here the past few years have been higher than they’ve ever been so he doesn’t know why our revenue would go down except for maybe the Comptroller charging too much or charging more than we know. He didn’t think that that was in the Board’s purview but he didn’t know whose purview that was. It appears to that the charges have gone up over the past eight years. Mrs. Boehlke said that she believes some of what she’s heard is that sometimes it’s keeping a larger portion. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that she noticed the charge from the Comptroller compared to our revenue for this year is like 84% of our revenue and last year it was 72%. She was just wondering why. Judge Johnson said that it may be the nature of the case. We know that within 10 days of the end of the month we submit a report with each case that we’ve collected money on along with a check that we bring here. We can find out how they divide it out. That’s clearly what’s happening. It’s staying with New York State instead of coming here. It may be the nature of the fines and the case, as well; he just doesn’t know. Councilperson Greenberg said that until we know the number of cases, we don’t know. He knows that we’ve had a lot of negotiations about salaries. If the number of cases is dropping we might not need the same hours of coverage. Judge Johnson said that he’s not trying to cover bases but he’s here to tell you that each case is going to be more labor intensive.
Mrs. Boehlke said that she and Mrs. Kavanaugh have been chatting, and something we haven’t discussed or thought about and we still need to know is if we are going to still need to continue to have Karen Creed come in. We don’t have a budget line for her. She knows that, especially on large nights, it’s hard to move people through without an extra person. Judge Johnson said that he will say that in the real world, if we had two part-time clerks at the right speed, we could do it with two people, but right now it’s a mentoring issue, as well, especially when you have 140 cases. He welcomes any members of the Board to come down but don’t come until 7:15 PM and then you get to see the people that have been sitting there for 2-1/2 hours. We try to be really productive and get them out. He hasn’t given the Board an answer, but we don’t think that’s going to continue. Councilperson Leinung said definitely by January he would assume. Judge Johnson replied, “Absolutely and we would hope sooner, frankly.”

Councilperson Leinung said it will be interesting to see how much bail we actually lose. He can’t imagine it’s a ton. Judge Johnson said that when we return bail, we are more involved in that than seeing forfeitures; we get a very little amount of money. The problem with getting bail back to people is finding them. Again, he’s concerned from watching how seriously people will take it in front of our court if there is no real recourse to get them back. It’s ironic because he had a woman show up from Charlotte, NC, for a violation to be here beyond her court date and I’ve got people that live three miles away that historically blow the court off. It’s just very interesting.

Councilperson Greenberg asked if he had been at a conference or talked to other judges from local towns to know whether the State is taking more of their budgets. Judge Johnson said that he hadn’t, adding that he’d be willing to do that. That’s a good idea. He was at a four-hour course two weeks ago down in Chatham on this criminal speedy trial and lack of bail. He can do that. He’ll find that out. We should find out why it’s happening; 12% is about 8000 more roughly.

Councilperson Hennessy asked if the Courts would be able to generate a total figure of the deposits for the past five years for comparison instead of just 2018. Supervisor LaGrange asked if that would be monthly? Councilperson Hennessy said yes, that he’s just going on recollection reading the monthly reports. He thought they were almost doubled the past couple of years. Councilperson Greenberg said that you can look at the revenue over on the right. Councilperson Hennessy said that that’s just the revenue; he’s talking about the deposit. The revenue takes out the Comptroller’s cut. Mrs. Boehlke said that you want a five-year revenue report. She will send an email out to the Board. Supervisor LaGrange asked for the full year. Councilperson Hennessy said for comparison. He doesn’t know the reason and the makeup of the calculation of the Comptrollers and whether that’s the State Troopers’ receipts or whatever of the piece. If the Court’s gross revenues are twice what they were eight years ago yet our net revenue is less, there is something going on. He thinks our gross has gone up; that’s what he’s seen.

Supervisor LaGrange said under .4 we have what was there last year as far as receipt books, dues, and conferences. Judge Johnson said that they are conscious of it.

A1220 Supervisor (Page 53)

Supervisor LaGrange said that we have a little increase primarily with Samantha going full time. We also are looking to get a printer. Mrs. Miller has an older printer. We may be able to use it for Mrs. Engel whose been looking for one. We’d like to upgrade hers for printing checks and so on. That amounts to $300 in the .2. The .4 stayed pretty much the same. Mrs. Boehlke said that it stayed the same as what she thinks we are going to spend this year, but it’s a slight increase from last year.

Councilperson Greenberg asked if a 2% COLA was added. Supervisor LaGrange said that it was not at this point. We didn’t put in any COLA for anything, but the Board has COLA sheets to give you an idea of what the impact would be if we did that.

A1355 Assessor

Supervisor LaGrange said that Mr. McGuire put in for a 1% increase for himself and for Mrs. Latham he put in a level increase. She is going from level 4 to 5. She was hired at level 1 in June 2017. In January 2018 she was pushed to level 2. In July of 2018 she went to level 3 and then last year we budgeted on her anniversary to go to level 4. It’s the Boards decision when we want to do this or if we want to leave it in the budget. Mrs. Boehlke asked if Mr. McGuire wrote a letter.
Supervisor LaGrange said that he did but that was for level 4. Anyway, I would tend to leave it in and on her anniversary go to level 5. I would say she is fulfilling the requirements of the job and also pitching in quite well but that’s to be determined based on what the Board wants to do. As far as Mr. McGuire’s 1%, we will see what the COLA is and what you want to do there. Councilperson Snyder asked if he’s asking for 1% in addition to the COLA. Supervisor LaGrange said he’d like 1% and then if we do a COLA we would add it to that. He’d like a raise. Councilperson Greenberg suggested taking all of the raises or jumps in the pay scale and make a list and then have an Executive Session at some point to discuss job performance. Councilperson Snyder last year suggested job performance reviews. I don’t think we’ve really done that but we could work towards it. Supervisor LaGrange said we will put a list together for the Board and then decided the best night to discuss it. Councilperson Snyder asked about the COLA handout. Mrs. Boehlke said the COLA numbers are based on what’s in the tentative budget. Councilperson Leinung thought it was a good idea to review the raises separately. Supervisor LaGrange thought it was a great idea too.

Mrs. Boehlke said contractual is a little less then what was budgeted last year. There is a little leeway in case we have anything that goes to an attorney.

A1356 Assessment Board of Review (Page 60)
Supervisor LaGrange said this stayed the same.

A1410 Town Clerk (Page 62)
Supervisor LaGrange said the Town Clerk put in for an increase for Arlene Herzog who is the clerk that works on our taxes during January and February. She put in for a two-level increase and he brought it back to one level. It’s been many years that she is where she is. Town Clerk Deschenes said that she has been here for 15 years and has not had an increase to her knowledge during that time. To be very honest, she doesn’t think she was ever a part of the salary chart. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that she was sort of the odd person out. Town Clerk Deschenes said that she doesn’t fall on the scale in any particular spot. Mrs. Kavanaugh said she gets COLA so she’s not totally out of the realm. Town Clerk Deschenes added that she’s just saying that Mrs. Herzog been here 15 years and she does an excellent job. She thinks she deserves it and she feels it’s been an oversight for a couple of years because she didn’t realize she was on the chart. Councilperson Greenberg said to add it to the list. Supervisor LaGrange said that she will jot that down but he wanted everyone to know what was going on there. It’s been the practice of the Board to go a single level at a time and that’s why he put it in that way.

The contractual is pretty much the same.

A1420 Attorney (Page 65)
Supervisor LaGrange said this remains the same.

A1440 Engineering (Page 68)
Supervisor LaGrange said that we are expecting to use $3,250 this year. Billing is much better. Instead of going with $15,000, we made it $7,500 and we will see what happens. Councilperson Greenberg asked if we discussed that with Stantec at all to see if they think there is a reason. Supervisor LaGrange said he did not. Councilperson Hennessy asked if he said it was $15,000 last year. Supervisor LaGrange said that we budgeted $15,000 but we’re expecting to use $3,250. Again, we’re budgeting.

Mrs. Boehlke asked the Board to look at pages 68 and 69. There is not a lot of information on page 69 and she would like to stop printing it unless it has additional information. We could make this document smaller and just say the same thing. The Board agreed that that would be okay in the future to save paper.
A1450 Elections (Page 70)
Supervisor LaGrange said that this is always a guess. Mrs. Boehlke added that they bill two to three years behind. Councilperson Snyder asked if it could be more this year due to early voting? Mrs. Boehlke said that they haven’t given us any indication of that. Town Clerk Deschenes said it could be more due to that and the new iPADS they purchased, but, again, we won’t see it for two to three years. We worried a lot when we first went to the electronic voting machines and that took a long time to go and ended up not being as bad as we had anticipated. Councilperson Leinung thought the State put up some money for it.

A1460 Record Management (Page 72)
Town Clerk Deschenes said that’s the same.

A1490 Public Works Administration (Page 74)
Mrs. Boehlke said she did not know what that department will look like. She put in $750 in office supplies.

A1610 Shared Services (Page 76)
Supervisor LaGrange said that’s where Darryl Purinton is for .1. Mrs. Boehlke said that we budgeted the same amount for him. We haven’t used him that much up until now. We tend to use him more during budgeting. Mrs. Boehlke said that also included in this fund is payroll services and flexible administration fees.

A1620 Buildings (Page 78)
Supervisor LaGrange said that he suggested to Mrs. Boehlke that we put in for any janitorial a $15 rate but the Board can do what they wish with that. He felt that with all the discussion about a potential minimum higher wage for that it’s not tremendously impactful on the budget. This doesn’t apply to Mr. Engl. Mrs. Boehlke added that he makes $16.52 and that’s on the salary chart. Supervisor LaGrange added that with Mr. Green, he’s proposing we go up a level for him on his anniversary. We can discuss that later. Councilperson Greenberg asked what level he is at now. Supervisor LaGrange said he’s at level 2. I can tell you all about where he stands later.

Mrs. Boehlke said that there were some slight changes in the .4.

A1622 Community Center (Page 83)
Supervisor LaGrange said that the Community Center is a similar situation. We have both janitorial and Mr. Green’s slight increase in there. As we discussed before, a temporary DPW Department head is in both the Buildings (Page 80) and Community Center (Page 83). Mrs. Boehlke said that all of that is summarized in the DPW sheet provided.

The .4 is up a little bit, but many people contribute to the numbers. The Town Clerk provides the numbers on the electric and we do the insurance. When everything came together it was about $3,000 more than what we budgeted last year. We are going to use what we budgeted this year. Supervisor LaGrange added that none of these things in Buildings takes into account what we expect in savings from the phones. These numbers are probably a hair high. Mrs. Boehlke said that the phone costs are spread apart in 30-some different areas so we don’t know where the percentages will fall.

Councilperson Greenberg said that we’re going to use all of the $16,242 (A1622.4) but we’re not going to exceed it. Mrs. Boehlke said that her projection is that we’re going to be close. Councilperson Greenberg asked why there was a 30% increase? Mrs. Boehlke said that, again, people submit an electric or propane amount increase. Councilperson Greenberg said that it’s a big increase percentagewise. Mrs. Boehlke said that she could compare this to the 2019 and let you know. Councilperson Snyder said that the alarm service went from $300 to $3,000. Mrs. Boehlke said that she thinks she has a line swap there. Councilperson Leinung said that also propane last year was $125 and $7,000 this year. Some of the lines from last year look mixed up. Councilperson Greenberg thought most of the problem was under alarm service. Councilperson Snyder said that maybe there is a wrong decimal. Councilperson Greenberg added that Pest
Control and Building Maintenance are mixed up. Mrs. Boehlke said that she will check into the alarm and get back to the Board.

A1624 Buildings/Clarksville School Rental Space (Page 85)
Supervisor LaGrange said that we did have a notice of increase for this past year and we budgeted for it but we never got billed for that increase. We are putting it in because we had a letter in January. The increase would definitely be for 2020. It was $1,500 a month and that’s reflected here. Janitorial was increased in this fund too. Mrs. Boehlke said she’d put that on the list.

Councilperson Greenberg questioned the lease. Mrs. Boehlke said that it has not increased. We’ve paid it for several years and it’s only increased once. Councilperson Greenberg said that we do it by the year. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that actually we don’t have a lease right now. Supervisor LaGrange said that we had a lease; he believes it was for five years and that expired, and then they just kept billing the same amount. We had a slight increase. I think we went from $1,000 to $1,100 maybe. Mrs. Kavanaugh added that they said that it was going to go up last year but it didn’t. Mrs. Boehlke said that they bill us six months at a time. Councilperson Greenberg asked if we want a lease? Supervisor LaGrange said that we probably should. Councilperson Greenberg added that they have a lease on their EMS building. Supervisor LaGrange said that it’s a sleeping dog type of thing when we are getting billed the same but now we’re not. Councilperson Greenberg said that we might want to sign onto it for five years. Mrs. Kavanaugh added that we were waiting because they hadn’t completed the sale but that’s done now. Supervisor LaGrange added that we had a lease to start with. Mrs. Boehlke said that she’d make a note.

A1626 Buildings/Hilton Barn (Page 88)
Mrs. Boehlke said that she thinks we need to make an adjustment on this. Electric should be $1,200. It says $2,000. We were looking at what that might look like this year. We’re looking at $1,200 in electric and there was some additional money spent for crusher run or something. We could reallocate that as $1,200 to electric and $1,800 to miscellaneous and remain at $3,000 if that’s okay with the Board. Supervisor LaGrange said that a lot of the electrical usage was probably from the work that was being done inside. That was early in the year, but we’re hoping to use more electricity next year to do more work. He thinks it’s best to leave it on the higher side. Anyone have any thoughts? Mrs. Boehlke said that, again, we get minimum charges.

A1660 Central Storeroom (Page 90)
There was no discussion regarding this fund.

A1670 Central Printing and Mailing (Page 92)
Councilperson Greenberg noted that advertising went up $50. Councilperson Snyder said that this fund actually went down. Councilperson Leinung said that it went down overall. Mrs. Boehlke asked if the tax bill preparation is going down. Town Clerk Deschenes replied that it wasn’t, adding that the postage went down. Supervisor LaGrange said that there wasn’t maintenance last year for Sendtech. It’s $150.

A1680 Central Data Process (Page 96)
Supervisor LaGrange said that this is completing our computer changeover. Councilperson Hennessy said he knows that Highway is DB, Building is A, and Highway Superintendent Gayer’s salary is A but the use of these computers and battery backup is for Highway. Why can’t the equipment, therefore, for Mrs. Campana and Highway Superintendent Gayer be in B since we have more funds? Mrs. Kavanaugh said that you’d have to have a separate code. They are under highway administration, which is A. The thing associated with their work is under that code just like the Supervisor’s printer and toner is under the A1220.4. The same is true for the highway. Councilperson Greenberg asked if there is any place in B? Mrs. Kavanaugh said DB is actually Highway maintenance. The administration of it is A and anything associated with the building is A. Councilperson Leinung asked if the garage itself is A? Mrs. Boehlke added that all buildings owned by the town are A. Mrs. Kavanaugh said things associated with administration to work are also A. Mrs. Boehlke said that it doesn’t feel right to her either, but it’s the way it’s written. Supervisor LaGrange said that, for example, the Highway Superintendent’s truck is his truck and it could be considered part of his administration. It would seem like you could slide in a computer. Maybe it’s a question for Mr. Purinton. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that you’d have to have a DB
Administration. Mrs. Boehlke said that she could ask. Councilperson Hennessy said that it’s pennies. Supervisor LaGrange added that they could check.

Supervisor LaGrange said that we do have one thing to look into, too. Mrs. Engel was asking for a laptop to use; it would be convenient for her to take with her in the car and to the sites. It makes sense to him. The question is would she still need her desktop? He has to talk to her about that. Councilperson Snyder asked why she would need both? Supervisor LaGrange said that he didn’t know about linking it up to the Town site. Superintendent Guyer said that he can. Supervisor LaGrange asked if Highway Superintendent Guyer had a desktop. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he did not. Supervisor LaGrange asked why we have one in here for him? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that Mrs. Campana, Mr. VanPraag, and Mr. Klink each had one. Town Clerk Deschenes said that this could be Mr. Van Praag then. Highway Superintendent Guyer agreed and asked if it’s for maintenance or something? Councilperson Leinung said that it just says four computers. Town Clerk Deschenes said that they thought he had a computer. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he has a laptop. Town Clerk Deschenes said that maybe this should be for Mr. Van Praag then. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he didn’t know if we needed to do that to be honest. Supervisor LaGrange said that they’ll look into it. Councilperson Hennessy said that Mr. Guyer is saving us $1,200. Supervisor LaGrange asked if anyone had any issues with the laptop? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it’s plugged in and it’s hooked to the server. It does everything. Councilperson Snyder asked if he needed both? Supervisor LaGrange said that we will check on that. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that when his laptop quits, he’d go with a desktop. He started with a laptop when his clerks were at Town Hall and he had to go back and forth. Now he and Mrs. Campana are up there and we have everything organized so the laptop never leaves his office. Town Clerk Deschenes suggested swapping Highway Superintendent Guyer’s laptop with Mrs. Engel’s computer. Highway Superintendent Guyer agreed if we can get all of his stuff off it. Town Clerk Deschenes added that she didn’t know how old the laptop is. Highway Superintendent Guyer didn’t know but said that that was fine with him. Supervisor LaGrange added that it could be a test to see if that’s really what Mrs. Campana wants. We will look into that further.

Councilperson Snyder said that last year there was something in here called WatchGuard for $4,700 but it’s not in here this year. Town Clerk Deschenes said that it was a security program. Supervisor LaGrange said that that was for the purchase of the software. Mrs. Boehlke discussed how well she thought it was working. Councilperson Snyder asked if we paid for it?

Supervisor LaGrange said that we would check into the laptop and talk to BAS about it too. Speaking about BAS their contract and mileage is here for a total of $18,000.

A1910 Unallocated Insurance (Page 97)
This is $47,000.

A1920 Municipal Association Dues (Page 99)
This is association dues.

A1990 Contingency (Page 100)
Supervisor LaGrange said that we put $15,000 in this last year. Mrs. Boehlke said that we usually use contingency first before fund balance. It was always $10,000. That’s the first year it was up.

A3510 Dog Warden (Page 102)
Supervisor LaGrange said that this is pretty much the same. Mrs. Boehlke noted that there is a workday difference between 2019 and 2020. Councilperson Hennessy asked if we were coming up on the one-year anniversary of the lease law. Councilperson Snyder said that she thought it was in December. Town Clerk Deschenes agreed adding that the Board is supposed to get a report on that.

Mrs. Boehlke noted that the estimate for an attorney and Mohawk Hudson is low. We don’t always spend that money. Mrs. Boehlke estimated spending $1,250. We will discuss again that the attorney we use doesn’t tend to bill us. She doesn’t really have a lot of information to go on. In 2018 we used $2,241. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that there was probably more spent but we were only billed for that. It’s a struggle. Mrs. Boehlke said that when that attorney bills us
she charges it to fund balance because that’s where she can do prior year stuff. It’s not for lack of trying; at least twice a year she emails Highway Superintendent Guyer asking him to contact the
attorney to see if he’d like to bill us. He usually doesn’t respond but he eventually bills us. Highway Superintendent Guyer added that the Humane Society is at $1,500; that’s a guess. We do
our best to find the dogs’ owners before we send them. Councilperson Leinung asked if the rates
didn’t just go up last year? They go up every year pretty much. Highway Superintendent Guyer
said that he doesn’t think it went up that much on our contract. If you have one or two dogs we’re
good but if you have four or five dogs you spend all of your money. It costs probably around $300
per dog for one incident if you have to take them down there depending on what happens. Mrs.
Boehlke added that sometimes we get money back from Courts and sometimes we don’t. Highway
Superintendent Guyer said that sometimes we are reimbursed for some of that stuff and
sometimes we’re not. Councilperson Greenberg asked what that is based on? Highway
Superintendent Guyer said that it’s based on how they are charged when they get a ticket and get to Courts.

A3989 Public Safety Committee (Page 109)
Mrs. Boehlke couldn’t recall if there was a submission for this fund or not. Councilperson
Greenberg thought that they remodeled Courts and helped out with doors. Supervisor LaGrange
added that there was something Mr. Miller asked us to do. It might have been the doors. Mrs.
Boehlke added that this not extravagant. Councilperson Greenberg said that we discussed it and the
call was made to the Sheriffs and they helped out. Supervisor LaGrange agreed.

A4540 ALS Ambulance (Page 108)
Supervisor LaGrange said that the original submission had a 25% hike which equated to $354,418.
We had that reduced to 10.3%. He decided to put it in as that so we all could have a broader
picture of the whole budget and the implications of that. Roughly speaking, between SA and SM
which is the EMT for the whole town and EMT for the New Salem/Voorheesville district, it
amounts to a total of about a $50,000 increase between those three components of the EMS
program. If it were a 2% increase it would be about $8,500. It’s a big change of that we are
looking at here. There are a couple of things to be reminded of: This was after the Sheriff brought in $150,000 that he donated. He addressed that in his email to the Board. We don’t know if that is
guaranteed for next year or the year after so we could see an easily 30% increase next year if that’s
not the case. The following year there could be another big increase because the contract runs out.
The Board should have that information that was sent in the 2020 budget notes which gives an
overview of this. We put it in here so we could deal with it. There was a meeting set up for next
Wednesday. He found out today that it wasn’t for this; it was for general budget stuff. Mr.
McLaughlin called him back this morning, and it turns out that that meeting was a general County
budget meeting to let us all know what’s going on. Supervisor LaGrange told him that it’s going
to be brought up that we need to fix this situation and we need the County’s cooperation and help
with that. Mr. McLaughlin said that we don’t want to bring it up during that meeting. Supervisor
LaGrange asked if they want to leave the Sheriff out of it because apparently there is some
different discussion between the Sheriff and the County Executive right now. He said that if they
would like him to come in, he’s been asked to represent the affected communities in this whole
process. He said, “Let me get back to you. That’s all I’ve got right now. I’m waiting on him.”
Again, we’ll have to make a decision on this as we go along. Out of that $93,000 that we’re taking
out of fund balance a good portion is for this $39,000. Mrs. Boehlke added that only $29,000
affects A Fund. Supervisor LaGrange added that it’s almost $50,000 from the three funds.

Councilperson Greenberg said that he thinks we should add this to the list of Executive Session
items. He’s amazed that we haven’t had a meeting about this yet. “I’ll leave it at that.”

A5010 Highway Superintendent (Page 111)
Highway Superintendent Guyer said that there are no increases in the .1. In the .4 we have some
supplies, dues for our associations, and telephones. We are keeping our drug and alcohol testing at
$1,500. It’s what we put in for last year and we’re doing okay with that. If you go back a few
years we bumped our drug and alcohol testing a little bit. Any time we have any kind of mishap,
for a little bit of money we have a drug and alcohol test. It leaves a good paper trail. The guys like
the paper trail. Anyone would as long as you’re clean.

A5132 Garage Contractual (Page 114)
Supervisor LaGrange said that here again we boosted the janitorial in .1. Councilperson Greenberg said that he’s curious about how we are going to handle the furnace. We budgeted for $10,000 last year. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he was way low. Councilperson Greenberg said that we’re up near $30,000 and we don’t have it in this year’s budget as far as he can see. Mrs. Boehlke referred to page 10. She has have that we budgeted $10,000 and she expects to spend $30,000 which will be a budget mod for the Board. She didn’t budget for 2020 because Supervisor LaGrange said that we will have it installed. Highway Superintendent Guyer said, “We hope. We will know Wednesday night. We are hoping it will be in 2019. It’s a manufacturing thing. We will discuss it on Wednesday night.” We had five quotes come in and all five “specked” the exact same model. Councilperson Greenberg asked if all five thought they could do it before January 1st. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we’re hoping. We had a date in there when we went out to bid with substantial completion by December 15, 2019. Some of the people on their bids had notes “seven- to eight-week lead time.” One guy wrote “nine- to ten-week lead time.” We’re going to discuss this Wednesday night. Councilperson Greenberg asked how that works for the budget? Mrs. Boehlke said that we have options. We could encumber or we could modify the 2020 budget. The $10,000 would fall to fund balance and we could spend it in 2020. Councilperson Greenberg added that he guesses what he’s saying is that we should keep an eye on it.

Councilperson Snyder asked about the paving in the .4. Mrs. Boehlke said that if you’re looking at page 10 we used $31,585 in 2018. She’s estimating that we will use $35,000 this year but we only budgeted $26,650. We seem to be on that 30-some-thousand dollar track. Mrs. Boehlke said there are some ups and downs between 2019 and 2020. Even this year she thinks we’re going to spend more and we don’t have paving in it. Mrs. Boehlke said that she looks at several different variations. Her feeling was that we were going to be more in the $35,000 range for this year. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he doesn’t recall coming up with that. Mrs. Boehlke said that she’ll review it and then email it to him. Councilperson Snyder said that we should be realistic. Mrs. Boehlke said that what she looked at first was did we cap it? She knows that in the past we’ve looked at something and said it’s $35,000 and we’re going to cap you at $32,000. We didn’t do any of that so it’s what he asked for. Again, she’ll just review what we have and email him. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we have spreadsheets month to month and year to year on our heating oil and electricity. She doesn’t recall being that far off.

Councilperson Greenberg asked about the paving. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he threw in for next year to start working around our garage. The back of our parking lot is pretty close to dirt. It’s old and there are huge puddles everywhere. He threw something in to get rolling on some of the parking lot. Supervisor LaGrange said that we should have done similar with the Community Center. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we had money in there this year but we didn’t get to it. Councilperson Greenberg was wondering if we should shift paving to furnace for the year. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we’ll just leave it. These are only little earmarks. The .4 is the .4. Just leave it in there and if we have to pay for the furnace then we pay for it. If we do pave then we’ll pull that from the fund balance. We will know about the furnace before we pave next year.

A5182 Street Lighting (Page 117)
Supervisor LaGrange said we don’t know where things are going to go with the LEDs. Councilperson Greenberg asked if that was next year sometime. Supervisor LaGrange said that he was hoping for this fall but we got delayed by National Grid so many times. Councilperson Greenberg said that if it gets installed that should significantly affect this. Supervisor LaGrange said that it should certainly help.

Councilperson Hennessy said that we show six lights on page 118. Supervisor LaGrange said that those are odd lights outside of districts. Councilperson Hennessy said that we actually have a light on the highway. Supervisor LaGrange replied, “Correct.” Councilperson Hennessy asked why we would have to have any on Route 85A or 156. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we have a light on the corner of Koonz Rd. and 156 at the intersection. He doesn’t know why we own it. It’s been there and it’s ours. Supervisor LaGrange added that these will also be changed to LEDs. We also have a couple of add-ons. We are going to put a light on Hilton Road where it intersects with the Rail Trail. We are also adding one or two in Feura Bush approaching the park. Highway Superintendent Guyer asked if we did one at Route 32 in front of Mauro’s restaurant? Supervisor
LaGrange said yes because there is a lot of pedestrian traffic going across near the apartments. That’s kind of a dead area so we added one. Hopefully in general we are going to have them all consistent, better lights, cheaper, along with some additional spots we put in for. We were supposed to have a meeting a couple of weeks ago but there was another National Grid delay on some verbiage in the buyback contract. We’re waiting on that to get settled. We postponed our meeting. Every time it’s postponed a little it probably adds another month or so. There is still talk that they could be hired and do it during the winter. We will see what happens.

A6772 Senior Citizens Outreach (Page 119)

Councilperson Greenberg noted that the laptop could come out of this fund. Councilperson Snyder noted that the .4 went up $3,000. Mrs. Boehlke said that she’d check that. She then added that it’s because the Supervisor capped it last year. We capped it at $13,500. Councilperson Snyder asked how much we used? Mrs. Boehlke said that she is estimating that we’re going to use $12,500. Councilperson Snyder asked if we could go back to $13,500. Mrs. Boehlke said that she didn’t see a problem. Mrs. Engel put most of this in. We take care of insurance. Councilperson Greenberg said that he thinks it has to do with buying new vehicles because the one vehicle is broken. It says “insurance for new vehicle.” Supervisor LaGrange said that that’s if we had one; we’d have insurance and maintenance on it. Mrs. Boehlke said that it’s kind of a place holder. Councilperson Snyder said that she’s trying to account for the difference because last year there were vehicles on here too. What’s changed? Mrs. Boehlke said that it was $15,970 last year but the Board capped it at $13,500. Supervisor LaGrange said that for $2000 and the buses aging he’d be tempted to leave it. Councilperson Leinung said that it seems like there are a couple of more issues with those this year. Mrs. Boehlke said that she did estimate the $12,500 but she knows one of the buses just went in for brakes again. Supervisor LaGrange said that he wouldn’t necessarily discount the laptop until we get an assessment on how Highway Superintendent Guyer’s is. Either way we will save on a computer. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that the weak link would be the battery. He can’t tell how it is because it’s been plugged in at the office for the last five years. Councilperson Leinung said that we can always replace the battery. Mrs. Kavanaugh asked what BAS charges to maintain our computers. Town Clerk Deschenes didn’t recall.

Supervisor LaGrange asked if the Board was good with the $15,970. Councilperson Snyder said that she was good because there might be some unanticipated expenses. Supervisor LaGrange said that he’s told Mrs. Engel to try and use the older bus for supplementing trips and use the newer bus for regular trips. We will see how that works out. Supervisor LaGrange asked if the Board was good with Senior Outreach. There were no objections.

A7110 Parks (Page 123)

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that in the .1 the change is going to be Mr. Vasquez. He is going from step two to step three as laborer full time. That is the difference in the .1. Councilperson Greenberg asked about the increase in overtime. Supervisor LaGrange said that there would be an increase because now we have two people. Mrs. Boehlke said that she thinks the increase in overtime from 2019 and 2020 would be partially that rate. We have a lesser amount expected in 2019 because we didn’t hire Mr. Vasquez until June. We went ahead here with only one employee getting overtime. That’s why the .1 and the .2 are lower; that’s what we budgeted. Councilperson Greenberg asked if his overtime would be taking somebody else’s overtime? They are both not necessarily getting overtime at the same time. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that there will be some overlap, but they will swap some of it. The hours are based on 70 which are the same as previous years. Mrs. Boehlke said that she agreed with Councilperson Greenberg. Should we reduce that? Would we have 140? We had 70 originally. She knows we have an additional park but she doesn’t know if that park will require overtime like Swift Road or Feura Bush does with fields. We have 70 hours with one employee and now we’re upping it to 140. Highway Superintendent Guyer asked if that is the $2,507 for Mr. Duncan and $1,851 for Mr. Vasquez? Mrs. Boehlke agreed. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that if that’s what those numbers are, that can be dropped. Supervisor LaGrange asked if we are talking 50 each? Councilperson Greenberg added or 70 total? He didn’t see why overtime needs to be spent at this time on the new park. Highway Superintendent Guyer agreed adding that the ball fields are a one-man job so they will be alternating those throughout the whole season. They may be doubled up a little bit on snow. Mrs. Boehlke asked if we’re comfortable going down to 40 each? Highway Superintendent Guyer agreed. Mrs. Boehlke said she would reduce it to 40 hours.
Supervisor LaGrange noted that we pulled the pickup truck out of the .2 because that’s going to be BAN-ed. Highway Superintendent Guyer added that we need the additional pickup truck with a plow and sander to replace what we have. We will keep the old one, of course. We put in $46,000 for the truck, plow, and sander. It’s very similar to what we did last year with the Highway with the new truck. This is a little different style of plow from the highway to the parks. Supervisor LaGrange said that he can see where we need to have a second vehicle because you have two parks employees; the same with Mr. Hensel and Mr. Ryan in their positions. The pickup truck that we shifted over from Highway is in pretty rough shape. He asked Highway Superintendent Guyer if there was an opportunity to postpone another big truck purchase and slide a couple of these in for this year. This is what we came up with. This truck is a little more expensive than the DPW truck. Highway Superintendent Guyer added that we are going to get a sander. As far as the truck goes and the plow, he thinks the way to go for Mr. Green is the “V” plow and the same with Mr. Duncan. At the Highway we buy straight blades because we’re plowing roads. Parking lots, water tanks, and all that stuff the “V” plow is the way to go. It’s a little bit more. They are $1,000-$1,500 more to buy them but it’s the way to go when you’re stacking snow all over the place.

Councilperson Snyder asked about the $10,000 lawn mower. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that two to three years ago we replaced a mower. “We’d like to replace another mower. The mower this will replace is a 2003. Councilperson Snyder asked if they cost that much. Highway Superintendent Guyer responded that they do and that’s on state contract. Councilperson Snyder said that she didn’t remember it being that expensive. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it was. It was $9,700 or so. Superintendent Guyer said it’s a zero turn. It’s the same mower we’ve been using for a year. The 2003s have a gang of hours on them; it’s time to swap them out. Councilperson Snyder asked if we trade them in or continue to use them. Highway Superintendent Guyer said the 2003 Ferris we will probably attempt to trade in and depending on the price we will trade or auction it. We’re probably not going to keep it.

Our miscellaneous is what we’ve been doing for years: chain saw, chalk liner or whatever. Things like that which need to be replaced equipment-wise and something that would last four to five years.

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that the .4 is very close. Mrs. Boehlke said that it’s lower than last year. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that his information says $22,800. Mrs. Boehlke said that there was a budget modification and she can look that up. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he’s right on par. Councilperson Snyder said that this year the insurance is more expensive. Supervisor LaGrange said whatever the budgeted amount was last year, we’re expecting to use about $25,300 in the .4 this year. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that if that’s what’s anticipated it would be $2000 over. We bought a load of baseball dirt this year, the clay stuff. It was a $3,000 load. That will last us so we won’t need that this coming year. Every couple of years Mr. Duncan gets a load of that and shares it between the fields.

A7310 Youth Programs (Page 127)
Supervisor LaGrange said that the youth programs have dwindled. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we had a low turnout this year for our movie night. The winter wasn’t conducive for an ice skating party. We put some money in for that. Supervisor LaGrange asked if we’re good for the rink itself another year. Highway Superintendent Guyer said we’re going to try and patch it up. He wanted to grab one this year but there is no money. Councilperson Greenberg asked if we’re going to move it this year? Highway Superintendent Guyer replied no. We have to figure out where to move it and what to do with it. Councilperson Greenberg said that it’s planned in the layout. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he hasn’t seen the layout. He knew it was talked about and it’s a potential use for that area. Councilperson Hennessy said that if you want it laid out and designed we can do that. Do you want to try and do that this year? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he didn’t have any time for that. Supervisor LaGrange said that he thinks eventually it would be nice. You can make those without using a liner, right? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that that’s what he wants to do. He wants to get away from that. Supervisor LaGrange said that that will be ideal at the barn. Councilperson Hennessy said that we need to bring in some clay from somewhere else. There is too much sand over there. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we looked it up online and it is actually a low percentage of clay that’s needed to do this. Councilperson Hennessy said that once it starts freezing, it’s frozen. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he and Mr. Duncan took a trip to Bethlehem. They have
a beautiful one; it’s huge and it works perfectly. The guys down there are fairly new and no one down there really knows how it was constructed. They know how to operate it but as far as who made it and did they bring clay in no one can give us any answers. We’d like to do something like that where we can close a valve and start saturating the ground and have a nice rink without a liner. Councilperson Hennessy said that’s in the plan from the grant application. We will have to see how we want to deal with the surface. In the summer the grass won’t really grow there. Once it floods in the winter in the spring the grass may die. Highway Superintendent Guyer said as long as you can drain it and it has positive drainage. If you’ve been to Bethlehem they have the greenest grass all year. He doesn’t know how. It’s not wet during the summer either. They utilize it for different things throughout the summer. Councilperson Hennessy said that’s what we budget but we don’t use quite that much. It’s not wet during the summer either. They utilize it for different things throughout the summer.

Indebtedness Schedule

Mrs. Boehlke said that she wanted to backtrack just for a moment. On the indebtedness schedule she does not have the new pickup truck for parks which she will add as a possibility. She will also put it on the list of things you want to talk about and decide on. Supervisor LaGrange asked if we have the one for DPW on there? Mrs. Boehlke said that we do. Highway Superintendent Guyer asked if it has his dump truck on there? Mrs. Boehlke said that it does. Councilperson Snyder said that there are two pickup trucks on there. Supervisor LaGrange said that those are ones from the Highway last year. Mrs. Boehlke said that under that in bold it says “Highway one-ton dump truck” for up to $58,000. Mrs. Boehlke said that she’s assuming we would BAN that, then apportion it to each district by percentage like we do everything else. She’ll determine how we can put it on there.

A7410 Library (Page 129)
Supervisor LaGrange said that we have $1,000 budgeted for the Feura Bush Library for fuel oil.

A7510 Historian (Page 131)
Supervisor LaGrange said that this fund stays the same.

A8160 Refuse and Garbage (Page 133)
Highway Superintendent Guyer said that the .1 is for the transfer station. We went down on the amount for highway filling in. Councilperson Greenberg asked where the recycling fees flatten out? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we got our second bill the other day from Sierra. He wants to say they are in the middle 70s. Supervisor LaGrange asked if that was for August? Highway Superintendent Guyer said it might be for July; they bill behind. Councilperson Greenberg said that the contract was up for renegotiation July 1st, that’s when we talked about it. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he would let the Board know Wednesday night.

Highway Superintendent Guyer said the that .1 went down a little bit on the overtime. The .4 is similar. Recycling fees stayed the same. Hazardous Waste Day stayed the same. Supervisor LaGrange said that the Porta John is a new thing. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we threw in some money for the concrete pad. We did one concrete pad a year or two ago and we have two more to do. We’re trying to get those done. These are concrete pads that the dumpsters sit on. Councilperson Greenberg asked if the highway pours the concrete? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that they do. They just dug it out and used the earth as a form and poured it. We can do concrete pads but don’t call us for a garage floor.

A8810 Cemeteries (Page 136)
Supervisor LaGrange said that that’s what we budget but we don’t use quite that much. Councilperson Snyder asked how much we used last year. Mrs. Boehlke said that in 2018 we used $1,525 and we spent $1,891 this year. We budgeted $4,000 last year and we decided to go to $3,000 this year. Last year we weren’t sure how it was going to go. We have a better feel for it now.

A9730 Debt Service (Page 138)
Councilperson Hennessy asked if Mrs. Boehlke could give the Board the current status of these, the amounts, the rates, and the terms. Mrs. Boehlke said that she could do that. Councilperson Hennessy said that we have two separate BANS. Mrs. Boehlke said that we renew this as one BAN. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that it’s tracked separately but it’s one BAN. Mrs. Boehlke said that it’s not a large percentage rate. Councilperson Hennessy asked if it was in the 1% or 2% range? Mrs. Kavanaugh said that she thinks it’s 1.7 to 1.9. Mrs. Boehlke said that when we lump everyone together we get a better fee for the attorney and a better interest rate. It also saves us time because we’re doing it once. Supervisor LaGrange said that we’re figuring on 10 years on both of these. Mrs. Boehlke said that that’s correct.

A Fund Employee Benefits (Page 139)
Supervisor LaGrange said that the biggest change is the hospital and medical insurance that went up about $3,100 but we under budgeted for 2019 too that’s why it’s that much more. Councilperson Snyder asked what 2019 was? Mrs. Boehlke said that we budgeted $154,000 and we’re expecting to use $170,000. People where changing from single to family.

B3310 Street Sign (Page 144)
Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we went down $1,000 from last year. We had a majority of our signs changed around Town as far as road name signs. That project is pretty much wrapped up. Now we’re into maintenance if they disappear or are damaged. Our striping stayed the same. Last year we were at $12,000 and this year we’re at $11,000 for the .4.

Councilperson Hennessy said that he’d like to put something in to rebuild that sign on Route 155 that was taken away 10 years ago or whenever they did it. Supervisor LaGrange said that we were going to start working on all of these.

A8160 Refuse and Garbage (Page 133)
Highway Superintendent Guyer heard from Mrs. Campana and she believes the recycling is $72 per ton.

B3310 Street Sign (Page 144)
Supervisor LaGrange said Councilperson Hennessy brings up a good point. We talked about that earlier in the year. He talked about actually starting this year on one of them and trying to get one done every year. Highway Superintendent Guyer asked where that is going to come from. Is that an A or B fund? Councilperson Hennessy asked why not? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it’s a “Welcome to the Town of New Scotland” sign. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that that’s A fund. Highway Superintendent Guyer asked if the Board wants him to look into that now before the year is over? Councilperson Hennessy said that if we put it in the budget and Mrs. Boehlke can find a B fund for it, that would be great. Supervisor LaGrange said that he thinks we need to get going on that. We said it last year and he’s glad Councilperson Hennessy remembered it. Didn’t we get some ideas on prices? Highway Superintendent Guyer didn’t recall. We got a parks sign and we worked on the Community Center sign. Councilperson Greenberg said that while we’re talking signs he thinks we’re going to need one at Hilton. Supervisor LaGrange said that he and Highway Superintendent Guyer discussed that the other day. He asked Mike to get us a drawing. Councilperson Hennessy said that the driveway to Hilton Park is going to say Hilton Park. It’s a street sign. Supervisor LaGrange said that we can raise the A rate to 2% and take more fund balance out of B and that will allow us to cover those signs. Councilperson Snyder asked how much the signs will cost? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he’d have to check on it. Supervisor LaGrange asked if anyone remembered what the Charley Houghtaling Park sign was? Councilperson Hennessy said that it wasn’t as much as one of those wooden Town signs. Supervisor LaGrange agreed adding that it would just give us a ball park. We have to replace the whole thing. Most of them are in rough shape. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that the first summer he was here Mr. Duncan sent him out to put those up which is almost 21 years ago. Those blue and white welcome to New Scotland signs have been standing that long. The one down here the Town of Bethlehem took out for a water break and they put it back in. It’s about 3 feet taller than it’s supposed to be. It’s leaned over because it’s not buried deep enough. If you look at the legs you can see where we haven’t painted. It’s a foot and a half higher than it’s supposed to be. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he would talk to Mike and get an idea of cost for the “Welcome to New Scotland” signs along with the Hilton Park sign. Councilperson Hennessy said it would be “Capt. Joseph Hilton Park.” Supervisor LaGrange said that he thinks we want a sign
similar to the other park signs. Councilperson Hennessy said that it would be nice if it has some kind of historical reference to him but don’t worry about that tonight. Mrs. Boehlke asked if we wanted to budget something in parks for that. Councilperson Greenberg asked if the signs were in the grant. Councilperson Hennessy said yes but they were small.

Highway Superintendent Guyer asked what we want to do with the old road. Should we clean that up? Is it going to be potential parking as well or do we want everyone parking at the barn for now? Highway Superintendent Guyer clarified that he’s talking about the corner on the state road. Councilperson Hennessy said that that’s still planned and it’s on the map. The existing entrance has been there for a long time. Councilperson Greenberg added that the Town cut a trail right there so he thinks we want to move along when we can. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we’ll need two signs then. Supervisor LaGrange said that he was talking to Mr. Duncan about that. It’s a big lot. Is there a way to have a lower entrance, maybe between the two posts, to go in for people to park and use the trail and then use the other entrance if you still need to stockpile? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he uses that area all the time. There is always material coming and going out of there. Supervisor LaGrange said that he thinks it’s pretty bad to divide it out. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that there is another entrance on this end that we blocked off years ago just to keep people out. There is a dirt mound. Maybe we could do something with a berm with some shrubs in between them. Supervisor LaGrange said that that’s something to think about. Councilperson Hennessy said, “Let’s not go too far with that. Let’s see what happens with the whole regional picture.” Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it is convenient. It’s his emergency work place.

B8160 Refuse and Garbage (Page 166)
Supervisor LaGrange said that we know the contract. Councilperson Leinung said that the tipping fees are the big issue. Supervisor LaGrange added especially since the recycling fees are guestimates. This comes out as 733 tons of recycling at $75. Is that about how much recycling we used to do with him? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he didn’t remember. Supervisor LaGrange asked how he came up with the $55,000 for recycling fees. Supervisor LaGrange didn’t recall if we were that high on tonnage or not. Highway Superintendent Guyer said he’s guessing that we must have been. He knows that he and Mrs. Campana pulled these tonnages off a spreadsheet she keeps for solid waste and recycling. Supervisor LaGrange said that we can check on it. Councilperson Snyder asked what we are checking. Supervisor LaGrange said how many tons per year. Councilperson Greenberg added that you would multiply that by $75 to get our price. He would assume that that’s what was done. Supervisor LaGrange said that that sounds like the figure we took out of the contract too. Supervisor LaGrange said we will check. Councilperson Leinung said it was about 50 tons a month. January was 55 tons, February 45, and March 48. Supervisor LaGrange said that he thought it was safe if we go with 733 ton at $75. He would leave it.

DA5120 Bridges (Page 169)
Highway Superintendent Guyer said that last year we had two inspections. This year we have six in there. We are hoping to join forces with the County and try and get a few of our bridges that we jointly own redecked. It was kind of in the works this year but the County called me and said they’re not doing them this year. Whereas the County replaces the structures, we own the wearing surfaces. You’re looking at 30. We’ve done two of them in the past. We use about 30-40 tons of asphalt on top to cover the bridge and the approaches. You’re looking at $1,500 to $2,000 per bridge and there are three of them. We’re hoping we can tackle that next year. Supervisor LaGrange said hopefully at least one. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that they are the same age. He doesn’t know if they are all in the same condition as the Plank Road Bridge but that’s the one the County wants to start on. The State has flagged them on it a few years in a row. They patch it. Like he said, they planned on getting it done this year but they just didn’t.

DB1420 Attorney Fees (Page 171)
Mrs. Boehlke said that that’s a number she put in for a BAN.

DBS010 Highway Administration Contractual (Page 173)
Mrs. Boehlke said that this is generally for engineering if Highway Superintendent Guyer needs any consultation. Supervisor LaGrange added this is the same as last year.
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DB5110 General Highway Repairs (Highway) (Page 175)  
Highway Superintendent Guyer said the change in the .1 is Mr. Kendall. He would like to move Mr. Kendall from an Operator 1 to an Operator 2. Supervisor LaGrange said that he has him going up a level. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it’s not a level. He is an Operator 1 level 5 now and he’s proposing to put him in as Operator 2 level 5. Councilperson Greenberg asked the difference between Operator 1 and 2. Highway Superintendent Guyer said 1 is a truck operator. You load your own truck and you run the roadside mower and sweeper. Operator 2 is the guy in the excavator, the Gradall, and the backhoe. They dig water breaks and ditches. They run the paver. Operator 2 runs the more specialized technical equipment. Mr. Kendall has been doing Operator 2 work pretty much for the entire year. Councilperson Greenberg asked if we lost somebody. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we are going to. Councilperson Greenberg asked if we’re going to need one next year? We are grooming Mr. Kendall and he’s been learning all year.

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that this is where he’d like to give his salary scale spiel. He understands that the Board has to balance this budget. You have to work both sides for the taxpayers and the employees. He knows that there are things that are out of your control, one of them being medical insurance. He’s asked for the past two years and he’s going to ask again. Does anyone have any interest in sitting down and forming a committee to look over and explore the salary scale? We may be out of whack and we may not. He doesn’t know when it came into effect. Was it 2010? Town Clerk Deschenes agreed. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he doesn’t know if we’re out of whack. We may be where we want to be and we may not be. If there is any interest in the upcoming year before budget season he would be willing to do whatever leg work is necessary. Like he said, the big thing of course is medical insurance. You need medical insurance but as it goes up a little bit in the .4. Highway Superintendent Guyer said 1 is a truck operator. He understands where the Board sits and what you have to deal with. They do a great job for me. They all do. Of course, he advocates for them because they’re guys but he is speaking for everyone around town, all the employees. That’s his salary spiel. Councilperson Leinung said that most of these are at the top of their scale, right? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that that’s correct. If we go back to Mr. Kendall for an example he’s an Operator 1 in step 5 and when I proposed to move him to Operator 2 it’s kind of like he’s learning. If you look at the scale there is nowhere to move him beside a step 5. If he went to a 4 he’d be going backwards. Is he a 5 yet? He’d be going backwards. He’d be getting a new title but he’d make less money. Supervisor LaGrange said that he doesn’t think it’s out of the realm to look at it. He’d go back to the towns that we used before and see if we’re keeping pace with them. He thinks we’ve done a little better with COLAs then we have in the past. That helps a little bit. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he understands that there are also the benefits and the fringes. You have to look at insurances, longevity, and things like that. If there is any interest he would be willing to help out.

Supervisor LaGrange said that he’s been on the Board for a number of years and he never really knew what our separation was. The summer budget is for seven months and that’s 58% of the time when we look at this and then the snow removal budget. Just for perspective he’s sharing that. He didn’t know what the cutoff was. Highway Superintendent said that their snow removal budget is November to March and we run April to October for our summer budget. Our summer budget takes care of our summer maintenance. Supervisor LaGrange added that he might be the only one that didn’t know that for sure but now he’s educated.

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that everything is the same in the .4 with the exception of insurance. Mrs. Boehlke added that it’s $200.

DB5112 Capital Outlay (Page 178)  
Supervisor LaGrange said that these are pretty consistent with last year. We dropped engineering a little bit in the .4. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we put in our CHIPS money. That of course varies $100 here or there but it’s always within a few hundred. As far as paving of roads we are right on par with last year. Councilperson Hennessy asked about what was in Highway Superintendent Guyer’s note to Supervisor LaGrange about loss of money from CHIPS? Supervisor LaGrange said that that was from PAVENY. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that 2019 was the last year for Extreme Winter Recovery at this point. We don’t know if the Governor will bring it back or not but it’s done for now. This year we had Extreme Winter Recovery and we had PAVENY. They were the two extra programs that we were able to capitalize on. According
to the calendar Extreme Winter Recovery is done. Like he said, we don’t know. Councilperson Greenberg asked if we have any grants in the works like we had this year? Highway Superintendent Guyer asked if he meant like the one we had on Krumkill? He replied that we don’t. Our big project for next year is taking the “Y” out of the end of LaGrange Lane. Wolf Road approved it but the resident engineer had a few questions and it got tied up there. We are out of time. Hopefully spring time we will get that “Y” out of there and “T” it up.

Councilperson Greenberg said we had a point about stormwater management around Heldervale where it was pooling up. We had some issue there with DOT. Is that something we could deal with? There was a drainage issue there. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that the State cleaned the ditches out and we changed our culvert pipes. Councilperson Greenberg asked if that fixed the problem? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it elevated the issue. We now have a repair on Parkway out front where the water would lay. We have to repair the road there where it’s deteriorated. We are going to attempt a little swale of our own that we’ve done in the past but now we have a grader with different elevations to work with. The State did their major part and we did our culvert pipes in conjunction with that project. Councilperson Greenberg said that he didn’t know if that was a grant possibility. Councilperson Hennessy said that it is. It wouldn’t be really with Highway Superintendent Guyer but it might be with Councilperson Leinung. It might be part of the Climate Smart grant. Councilperson Leinung said that that grant comes out in the spring. Councilperson Hennessy said that there might be money from that program to do some kind of regrading. Highway Superintendent Guyer asked about the islands out front. Councilperson Leinung said they haven’t released the grant yet for next year but it depends on what they are focusing on next year. In prior years it was flooding. Supervisor LaGrange said now that we are out of there with Bellamy Construction what the opportunities are or when is that scheduled for the next paving run? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he didn’t know. He hasn’t really looked at that. Councilperson Hennessy added that there is a little repair to be done there. He doesn’t know if Bellamy does that or us. Highway Superintendent Guyer asked if that’s out front by the hot box. Mr. Hensel and Stantec are trying to get Bellamy to do it. Mr. Hensel sent an email the end of last week to Stantec. They are trying to get Bellamy and if that doesn’t work they are going to attempt Boswell. If not we’re going to have to do it where it settled because we don’t want to catch anything with a snowplow. He knows Mr. Hensel is attempting to get the contractors to take care of it.

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we went down in the .4.

DB5130 Machinery (Page 181)
Highway Superintendent Guyer said that this is Mr. Klink and Mr. Duncan. The .1 is going to stay the same. Mrs. Boehlke said that in the 2019 estimate of what we are going to use, she missed something. We are going to move that $68,500 to $78,000 (page 21). She wanted the Board to know that she underestimated that. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that that puts us on par with what we budgeted last year.

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we currently have two older brush chippers. Years ago we had one chipper and we went to two chippers several years ago. We used to do a lot of tree cutting. We had a lot of roads that were skinny and Mr. Duncan had used cut back to get more sunlight in there and dry them out. The majority of that is done and now we are back to maintenance on all of the roads, trimming overhanging branches and things like that. We do our own stuff with the chipper in addition to going around and picking up everything off the front lawns. Mr. Klink, Mr. Van Praag, and he discussed it last year and we’re discussing it this year. The three of them feel we can go back to one chipper. It’s just an extra piece of equipment kicking around that doesn’t really get utilized to its potential and it just sits. We are proposing a new chipper and trading in the two that we have. We have a 2008 and a 2011. Supervisor LaGrange asked if this chipper is $43,000 new or are we accounting for a trade-in? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that they are a little over $40,000 to buy one. We had our local dealer come out and we asked him for a figure if we were to trade the two in. He was pretty close to $10,000 apiece on trade-in. At the end of the day we are looking to spend half of that $43,000. Supervisor LaGrange asked if we should budget it that way then with a little room? Councilperson Hennessy asked if we are looking at sharing one with the Village? Highway Superintendent Guyer said no. Some things we can share and some things we can’t. The amount of hours we put on these things and the amount we use them, come brush season the thing runs seven days a week and the people are
screaming at our now. That’s a piece of equipment that we need to own and the Village needs to
own. The Village bought a new one last year. That’s something that we need with the stuff we
pick off the lawns and going out in the middle of the night for emergencies when a tree is down.
It’s something you have to have on hand. You have to have it at your disposal. Supervisor
LaGrange said that for the sake of the budget should we look at $25,000? Mrs. Boehlke said that
she will probably record the sale of the equipment as revenue. Highway Superintendent Guyer
said that if we are able to purchase a chipper we will put together a packet and it will go out to bid.
OGS doesn’t have anything on contract and we haven’t come up with any other State or County
contracts. Supervisor LaGrange said that $43,000 is a comfortable figure. Highway Superintendent Guyer
said that we got real quotes and we told everyone we weren’t buying them, we just needed a number for the budget. Chances are it’s going to go out to bid when we purchase
one. Supervisor LaGrange asked if he was comfortable with a $20,000 trade-in value to put in the
budget? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he would go with $18,000. Highway Superintendent Guyer added that he probably threw $1,000 on that $43,000 when he put it in the
budget. Supervisor LaGrange said that that’s okay; he’d rather be comfortable. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he would go with $43,000 and $18,000 on trade.

Councilperson Greenberg asked where we are on shared services? Are we getting any money back
or have we submitted whatever we need to submit? It was supposed to be submitted in 2018 and
they pushed it back to 2019. Supervisor LaGrange said that the submission goes in at the end of
2019. Councilperson Greenberg asked if it is happening this year? Supervisor LaGrange replied
that it was the last he heard but he’ll check on Wednesday when they have that budget meeting.
Highway Superintendent Guyer said that you’re probably talking about our new truck purchase
with the Village. Councilperson Greenberg said that he’s talking about whatever we had on this
list which was more than one thing. Supervisor LaGrange said that we tried to put the one trailer
on. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we had some letters of support on our roller.
Councilperson Greenberg asked if there was a paver? Highway Superintendent Guyer said no, it
was a roller for paving. We had two or three letters of support from neighboring communities.

Supervisor LaGrange advised they’ve been working on the insurance. He hasn’t heard anything on
that in a while. He’ll check with the County Executive’s office. Highway Superintendent Guyer
said that he was going to ask about the health insurance because he hasn’t heard anything. Mrs.
Kavanaugh said that they were having trouble getting loss information from the insurance
companies. We wrote a letter to MVP to release the information.

Supervisor LaGrange said that he knows the submission was at the end of the year or the beginning
of next year to recoup the cost from this year so I’ll find out the timeline. Mrs. Boehlke said that if
he’s having the conversation would you ask them if sometimes we can get a credit. We had a little
bit of a credit in our tax cap for absorbing Voorheesville Courts. When they are talking about reduced people at that point she’s wondering if we can get any credit for doing this, as well. She
could contact OSC, as well. If we’re purchasing a truck together that’s a consolidation and she’s wondering if we can get a consolidated service credit. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that she thinks it’s
only if you eliminate a part of a government like the Courts in the Village. She doesn’t think it’s
equipment.

Supervisor LaGrange suggested running back though the list of things to see if there’s anything else. Highway Superintendent Guyer asked if it had to be purchased in 2019? Supervisor
LaGrange replied that it did. Highway Superintendent Guyer said so our equipment trailer that we
purchased in 2018 we couldn’t back track on? It was a 7 ton tilt-deck trailer. Supervisor
LaGrange said that he thought that was in 2019. Highway Superintendent Guyer asked if we got
that this year? Supervisor LaGrange said yes and we shifted the old trailer to Mr. Duncan.
Highway Superintendent Guyer said that Supervisor LaGrange is thinking about Mr. Duncan’s
trailer and Mr. Hensel’s trailer. That’s different from what he got at the highway. He’ll look up to
see when we got the equipment trailer. Mr. Duncan’s trailer is new and his old trailer went to Mr.
Hensel. At the highway we bought a new one and added it to our fleet. It’s a 7 ton trailer. Supervisor LaGrange thought that this was new this year. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that
it could have been. Supervisor LaGrange suggested checking on that. Supervisor LaGrange
said that we’ll get our list together and he’ll find out on Wednesday. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that if it was purchased in 2019 he’ll send our neighbors a letter and they can put their
name on it.
Councilperson Greenberg said, to follow up on what Councilperson Hennessy said, we can share with the Village and they would tend to have their chipper and we would have our chipper but if something was down this could still be a shared service item. Is that clear enough? Highway Superintendent Guyer said it was but the chipper wouldn’t be purchased in 2019; it will be 2020. Councilperson Greenberg asked if it has to be. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that with the budget he can’t buy it until January 1. Councilperson Greenberg said that we could get it on the 2019 budget. That saves us $23,000 and it may be more if it’s shared services. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that if we could purchase it this year it would open up a possible door for possible reimbursement. Councilperson Snyder asked if we would need letters of support for that? Highway Superintendent Guyer replied that he probably would. Supervisor LaGrange said that we can look at it. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he doesn’t have that kind of money. Supervisor LaGrange commented that we could look at fund balance. Councilperson Greenberg added that if we have support you might. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he will come up with that support. Councilperson Greenberg said we could save a lot of money.

Highway Superintendent Guyer said he’s looking to purchase a F550 Ford one ton dump truck. It’s the same type of truck that we had. It looks like a pickup truck with a dump box on it. We’d like a new one. The one we currently have is a 2007 with 200,000 miles on it. It’s the rust on them. You can look right through it. It’s the mileage and the rust. When you hear of all these high-mileage trucks, those are over the road trucks. They’re not kicking around like what we do to these things. They have a rough life. It’s a 2007 and it’s been a good truck. We’d like to replace it with the same truck. It’s just a two-wheel drive truck. It’s not four-wheel drive. It’s not getting a snow plow and it’s used for all kinds of little jobs. It’s used all the time. Supervisor LaGrange asked if it has duals on the back? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it does. Supervisor LaGrange said that it will be BANNED either way. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we got the cab and chassis through OGS through the mini-bid system. We haven’t gone through the whole process yet but we did it the way they came up with the budget number. He had two local dealers give us quotes on the dump box itself. That’s where we came up with the $58,000 number. It’s a combination of those two parts. Councilperson Snyder asked what he would do with the old truck? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it would go. Councilperson Snyder asked how much would you estimate from that? Highway Superintendent Guyer replied $3000 or $4000 would be his guess. Councilperson Snyder added that you could apply that to the new truck. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it doesn’t work quite like that. Mrs. Boehlke said that she would bring it in as a revenue source. She’s hearing bringing in $21,000-$22,000 for what we are getting rid of. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that that’s a safe number.

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that the .4 is the same as last year. Mrs. Boehlke said she’s estimating we will use $110,000 this year. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we have to be $80,000-$85,000 by now. Mrs. Boehlke said that in 2018 we were at $112,500. She’s estimating $110,000 and he asked for $105,000. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that in 2018 and 2019 we started the year behind the eight ball because in both years we had major Gradall issues with our excavator. Supervisor LaGrange said that that’s not getting any younger either. Superintendent Guyer added that it’s not. It won’t be next year but at some point we’re going to be talking about that and that’s a major expense. Councilperson Greenberg said that he just didn’t know if the $105,000 should be a little higher. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he’s hoping they’ll be good. The last two years we had two $30,000 bills before we even started the year. Mrs. Boehlke asked how much a Gradall is. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that a new one will run us close to $300,000. Our Gradall is a 2006 and we paid close to $250,000 when we purchased the current one new. Highway Superintendent Guyer added that when he talks about needing things that is it. That machine could run every single day and without that we’re not putting in pipe and we’re not digging ditches or fixing water breaks. We do everything with that machine.

Councilperson Hennessy asked the hearing of a 2% increase even if it’s departmental of these purchases? Does that ever get factored in; like a BAN for this or a BAN for that? How does it affect his department? Is the department then going over the 2% increase? Supervisor LaGrange said usually we are figuring the BAN cost in. Mrs. Boehlke asked when you’re talking about a department, are you talking all of DB? Councilperson Hennessy said sure. One year they don’t need a machine and one year they do. Mrs. Boehlke said let’s not forget that as the Board controls
the purse strings in B its gives money to DB to run its department. So that can flex anywhere you want without truly affecting the tax cap. Councilperson Hennessy said that he understands the overall but he thinks we need to look at departmentally also if we’re going to look at a salary structure issue or purchases. He thinks we have to stay within some boundaries. If we are beholden to a 2%, obviously it’s going to be compared to that. He’s just curious how all of this calculates in, if it even can be. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that it’s kind of hard sometimes. An example is trash. You have revenue coming in, sales tax. Do you apply sales tax totally to trash and they have no revenue? Each department, like if he has revenue coming in for equipment sales, you have to take that off DB. It’s hard sometimes to tease apart what is causing the tax increase alone unless it’s SA, the ambulance that has its own code. Mrs. Boehlke added that we have one expenditure and one revenue. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that mortgage tax goes into the A fund. If assessing goes up did they make the tax go up or health insurance? It’s doesn’t work that way unless there is specific revenue that belongs to a department that you can tease out and say well they pay for themselves. Like the fees we used to have to have for recreation and it would offset the expense or some of the Senior Outreach if they get donations. It’s very difficult to single out a department. Councilperson Hennessy said that he’s not even talking revenue side. He’s talking expenses year to year. He’s just saying that year to year there has to be a way to compare it. Mrs. Boehlke said that in this one he’s asking for $103,000 right now and some years he asked for $250,000 for one truck. Councilperson Hennessy said that over the long haul do you take an interest payment each year to go with that year? There should be a way to amortize that and compare it each year. Mrs. Boehlke said that we do that. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that we do the debt schedule. You want to stagger the trucks so yes it is a known thing whether you pay cash when you make the decision. This year we only have two trucks on a BAN instead of three so you could make a cash payment if you wanted. Councilperson Hennessy said that there could be something there for making that work. Do we throw that much at it if we have a huge increase here and a huge increase there? It might be balanced by some other department in the overall 2% calculation. She thinks it’s only fair to look at each department and recognize if there is a significant increase or decrease just for parity’s sake. Supervisor LaGrange said that it’s inordinate in a sense that we take the DPW department with two vehicles and a trailer and the Highway Department with six plow trucks and how many pick-ups, etc. Interestingly, too, it looks like if we went with the tentative budget we’re only realizing about $59,000 from tax revenue in a $2,000,000 budget for B. It’s the sales tax that offsets so much of it. Councilperson Greenberg said that that goes more to what Councilperson Hennessy is saying which is that we should be able to basically have an idea that if everybody stays within their 2% we’re okay on the budget. Supervisor LaGrange said that that’s what Councilperson Hennessy is driving at. How do we know in this situation that Highway Superintendent Guyer is staying within the 2%? Councilperson Hennessy added that obviously some years we’re not because we’re buying a plow truck for a quarter million dollars but we BAN it and you can kind of separate it out. There may be a way to make that comparison. He might come out smelling like a rose. It could be a lot less and we should be investing more and more. He thinks there could be some kind of way to compare that. Mrs. Boehlke said that after looking quickly here budget to budget from 2019 to 2020 we are under a 1% increase. Again, she’s not looking line by line but his funds are less than a 1% increase. Councilperson Hennessy asked if that takes into account equipment? Mrs. Boehlke said that it takes into account debt payment on the equipment that needs a payment on it. Councilperson Hennessy said that that’s the answer to my question.

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we’re still on my 4. We left off on the $105,000 for repairs. I’d like to go with that. He thinks that in 2018 and 2019 we started out behind. He’s going to go with that for 2020.

Councilperson Snyder asked about the truck we purchased last year. Mrs. Boehlke said that that’s the packer truck that we’re purchasing. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he spoke with Hacker’s Packers today. Our truck has been there for six weeks. They had trouble getting a body. The body came in. The body is installed. They are working on wiring harness and he should be done in a few days. It’s scheduled to go to the paint shop on Thursday. The paint shop should have it for 3-4 days and then it gets delivered to H.L. Gage. Within a couple of weeks we should have our hands on this new garbage truck. It is going to be white. There are not sticker on it. I’m assuming there is going to be something on it. It will be registered to us.

DB5142 Snow Removal (Page 185)
Highway Superintendent Guyer said that in the .1 there is an increase for Mr. Kendall again with the title change. Mrs. Boehlke said that the .4 is down a little from last year. The insurance is down by $750 and the gas is down by $1,000. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that the main difference there is the diesel and the gas. We used a lot of money in February on salt. That hurt us a little bit. Councilperson Leinung asked if the $80,000 was enough? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we’re still using that. Councilperson Leinung added “through December technically.” Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we’ll go back to that budget for November and December but we’re going to be a little over the $80,000 for the salt. Mrs. Boehlke said that she doesn’t have it estimated as being more than the $150,000 he asked for. We are hoping for a better winter.

DB9785 Debt Service (Page 187.5)

Supervisor LaGrange said that we have a BAN of $52,100. This is our biggest year for this. We list the truck and should you that on the other indebtedness sheet. This is a big year that we knew was coming from the past. Mrs. Boehlke said that this is the year we will have four payments. The two new pickup trucks will come in at $14,480. She thinks she has to adjust one of these numbers. She put in $14,800 instead of $14,480. If you look at the debt schedule there will be four payments. This will be the one year where we have the overlap. We talked about this last year.

Supervisor LaGrange said that we also have the DB fund with employee benefits. Mrs. Boehlke said that there is going to be a $29,000 increase in health insurance from budget to budget. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that she put in the new employee at the highest rate because she doesn’t know what they are going to do. Councilperson Greenberg asked how much it went up. Mrs. Kavanaugh said 9.5% and last year it was 10.2%. If you look right there that’s 20%. If you look at four years, it’s gone up by 45%. It’s not like it’s MVP. The good news is that the dental and Medicare Advantage stayed flat. It’s still a huge bargain for the Town. The retirees love it and it saves us. It’s nice to see that level off. Councilperson Snyder asked if the County is working on a plan. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that they are. Councilperson Snyder asked if there has been no further progress? Supervisor LaGrange said that he thinks we will find something out about it on Wednesday. Mrs. Kavanaugh said that they might be having trouble getting the data. Mrs. Boehlke added that the insurance companies don’t want to help you find a different option.

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Highway Superintendent Guyer asked if there is a County somewhere down south that does this. It has a shared health insurance thing. Councilperson Snyder asked if it exists in New York State? Supervisor LaGrange said that he believes it’s Nassau County and that’s where the first health care consortium came together in New York. They are required by law under a certain amount of time to get the information but they’ve been spitting and sputtering. We haven’t had an update in probably two to three months.

Councilperson Hennessy asked if a column could be added to the indebtedness spreadsheet. Can you put a column for year beginning? Mrs. Boehlke said that she would be happy to.

Supervisor LaGrange said that we still have the rest of the B fund to do along with the special districts. The fire departments are coming on Tuesday night. We can go through B and the water districts and then hopefully we can get a list together for you on these salaries and the contractual items too for an Executive Session.

Councilperson Snyder asked if the fire department gave us any balance sheets in advance. Supervisor LaGrange said they gave us our usual stuff. Whatever they gave us is in the budget. Councilperson Snyder said that usually have a balance sheet and income statement. Town Clerk Deschenes said she didn’t see it. Mrs. Boehlke suggested that we ask for it in advance. Supervisor LaGrange said that we will send them an email tomorrow.

2. Adjourn
Supervisor LaGrange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Greenberg. The workshop adjourned at 9:35 PM.