

Presiding Supervisor Jacobs called the Special Town Board Meeting, Town of Walworth, County of Wayne, State of New York, held at 3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth, New York and streamed on Facebook Live due to the COVID-19 pandemic to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisor Jacobs led those present in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Susie Jacobs	Supervisor
Amber Linson	Councilwoman
Scott Bryson	Councilman
Cody Phillips	Councilman
Karel Ambroz	Councilman
Aimée Phillips-Lomb	Town Clerk

ABSENT:

No members of the Town Board were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cheri LeMay, Town Comptroller; Teresa Maioli, Clerk to the Supervisor; and two (2) attendees.

Supervisor Jacobs welcomed those present and read the following statement:

“Welcome everyone to the Town of Walworth October 8, 2021 TB Meeting. At this meeting we will be holding four Public Hearings for the purpose of the 2021 Preliminary Budget.

I would like to give a tremendous thank you to all the Department Heads, Town Comptroller, Supervisor Clerk, Town Clerk, and the Town Board for all their hard work on this budget. These are trying times for all of us and the Walworth Team has worked hard to present a budget without a tax rate increase.

We began this process in January 2020 with the setting of the Town Board Meeting Calendar with the mandatory deadlines and the timetable for the 2021 budget.

In July/August Department Heads diligently worked to estimate expenses and revenue for a year of unknowns. In September, the Town Board worked together on the preparation of the Supervisor/Chief Fiscal Officer Tentative Budget. At these Town Board meetings, we began discussions about the current and future of the Town of Walworth; some of these discussions were in Executive Session due to legal matters that cannot be disclosed publicly. At the conclusion of these five weeks together we have a budget that is one cent below the 2020 Tax Rate.

You might not be aware that during the last six months the discussions regarding revenues i.e. Chips Monies, State Aid, Mortgage Tax, County Sales Tax for the town were very troubling with the expectations of a decrease in revenue of 5 - 40+% for the Town. It was estimated that the NYS Retirement contributions were going to increase 50% as well. This together with town revenues decreased due to COVID forecasted a great damage to our budget.

I am proud to have this team and present the tentative budget in these challenging times. If you have any questions, the Town Board and I are happy to answer for you.”

Additionally, Supervisor Jacobs acknowledged that there have been audio difficulties with the live streaming on Facebook Live. She explained that adjustments are in the process of being made and additional equipment will be installed in the near future to try to mitigate this issue.

PUBLIC HEARING RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Supervisor Jacobs read the Public Hearing Rules and Procedures for the Supervisor presiding over the hearing before the four (4) Public Hearings on the Meeting Agenda:

Supervisor Presiding over Public Hearing:

PUBLIC HEARING RULES AND PROCEDURES

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to give everyone the opportunity to express their views on the subject of the public hearing. These views become part of the record, which the Town Board relies on for its findings, conclusions and decisions.

PROCEDURE

The Town Clerk will read the NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

The Supervisor presiding over the hearing will open the floor to public comments.

Public Participation

All comments before the Board must be given from the podium if possible.

Anyone wishing to speak must state their name and address for the record.

Individuals will be given a three minute time period to present their comments regarding the matter of the public hearing.

The Supervisor has the authority to take any necessary measures to control the hearing – spontaneous comments from the floor are not permitted.

If a speaker drifts off of the subject of the public hearing, you will be reminded to limit your comments to the matter of the public hearing.

6:35 PM PUBLIC HEARING – FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTING WITH THE LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION FOR 2021

Supervisor Jacobs stated the procedures for the Public Hearing and asked Town Clerk Phillips-Lomb to read the legal notice for the Public Hearing:

**LEGAL NOTICE:
TOWN OF WALWORTH
PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Walworth will hold a Public Hearing at the Walworth Town Offices, Main Meeting Room, 3600 Lorraine Drive, on **Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:35 PM** for the purpose of considering contracting with the **Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department** for the fire protection to be furnished in its fire protection district which is bounded on the north by the town line of Ontario, on the east by the Walworth Fire District, on the west by the County of Monroe and on the south by a line 200 feet north of Atlantic Avenue. The contract amount requested is \$160,021.00.

All interested persons may be heard at the above time and place.

By Order of the Town Board
Town of Walworth
AIMEE PHILLIPS
TOWN CLERK
Dated: September 25, 2020

Supervisor Jacobs declared the Public Hearing opened and asked if anyone present would like to speak in **FAVOR** or **AGAINST**.

Time: 6:39 PM.

Lincoln Fire Department President Michael Frederes stated that the requested contractual amount is the same as last year.

Town Clerk Phillips-Lomb stated that no written comments had been received for this public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Ambroz to close the Public Hearing.
 Seconded by Councilman Bryson.

There was no discussion among the members of the Town Board.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Linson	Aye
	Councilman Bryson	Aye
	Councilman Ambroz	Aye
	Councilman Phillips	Aye
	Supervisor Jacobs	Aye

Motion carried.

Time: 6:40 PM.

6:37 PM PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTING WITH THE WEST WALWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION FOR 2021

Supervisor Jacobs stated the procedures for the Public Hearing and asked Town Clerk Phillips-Lomb to read the legal notice for the Public Hearing:

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 TOWN OF WALWORTH
 PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Walworth will hold a Public Hearing at the Walworth Town Offices, Main Meeting Room, 3600 Lorraine Drive, on **Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 6:37 PM** for the purpose of considering contracting with the **West Walworth Volunteer Fire Department** for the fire protection to be furnished in its fire protection district which is bounded on the north by Lincoln Fire District, on the south by the town line of Macedon, on the east by the Walworth Fire District, and on the west by the County of Monroe. The contract amount requested is \$175,682.00.

All interested persons may be heard at the above time and place.

By Order of the Town Board
 Town of Walworth
 AIMEE PHILLIPS
 TOWN CLERK
 Dated: September 25, 2020

Supervisor Jacobs declared the Public Hearing opened and asked if anyone present would like to speak in **FAVOR** or **AGAINST**.

Time: 6:41 PM.

There were no comments from the public. Supervisor Jacobs inquired a second time if anyone present would like to speak in **FAVOR** or **AGAINST**. No one wished to comment.

Town Clerk Phillips-Lomb stated that no written comments had been received for this public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Phillips to close the Public Hearing.
 Seconded by Councilwoman Linson.

Councilman Phillips inquired as to whether the organizations whose contracts were being discussed were notified as to the time and place of these public hearings as there was no representation from the West Walworth Volunteer Fire Department and Western Wayne Ambulance, Inc. Town Clerk Phillips-Lomb stated that yes, written notification as well as drafts of the contracts were sent to all organizations.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Linson	Aye
	Councilman Bryson	Aye
	Councilman Ambroz	Aye
	Councilman Phillips	Aye
	Supervisor Jacobs	Aye

Motion carried.

Time: 6:42 PM.

6:39 PM PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTING WITH WESTERN WAYNE AMBULANCE, INC. FOR 2021

Supervisor Jacobs stated the procedures for the Public Hearing and asked Town Clerk Phillips-Lomb to read the legal notice for the Public Hearing:

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 PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Walworth will hold a Public Hearing at the Walworth Town Offices, Main Meeting Room, 3600 Lorraine Drive, on **Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 6:39 PM** for the purpose of considering contracting with **Western Wayne Ambulance, Inc. for 2021**; contract amount is \$33,000.00.

All interested persons may be heard at the above time and place.

By Order of the Town Board
 Town of Walworth
 AIMEE PHILLIPS
 TOWN CLERK
 Dated: September 25, 2020

Supervisor Jacobs declared the Public Hearing opened and asked if anyone present would like to speak in **FAVOR** or **AGAINST**.

Time: 6:44 PM.

There were no comments from the public. Supervisor Jacobs inquired a second time if anyone present would like to speak in **FAVOR** or **AGAINST**. No one wished to comment.

Town Clerk Phillips-Lomb stated that no written comments had been received for this public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Bryson to close the Public Hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Ambroz.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Linson	Aye
	Councilman Bryson	Aye
	Councilman Ambroz	Aye
	Councilman Phillips	Aye
	Supervisor Jacobs	Aye

Motion carried.

Time: 6:45 PM.

6:41 PM PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:

Supervisor Jacobs stated the procedures for the Public Hearing and asked Town Clerk Phillips-Lomb to read the legal notice for the Public Hearing:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WALWORTH
NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual Preliminary Budget for the Town of Walworth for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, 3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested persons during regular office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Walworth will hold a Public Hearing at the Walworth Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth, New York on the day of **Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:41 PM**, and that at said hearing any persons may be heard in favor or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed salaries of each member of the Councilperson, Town Justice, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Receiver of Taxes and Superintendent of Highways therein set forth, are as follows:

Councilpersons:	4 @ \$6,590.00	\$26,360.00
Town Justices	2 @ \$14,046.00	\$28,092.00
Town Supervisor:		\$49,096.00
Town Clerk:		\$46,000.00
Receiver of Taxes:		\$ 9,625.00
Highway Superintendent:		\$76,747.00

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Of the Town of Walworth
AIMEE PHILLIPS
TOWN CLERK
Dated: September 25, 2020

Supervisor Jacobs declared the Public Hearing opened and asked if anyone present would like to speak in **FAVOR** or **AGAINST**.

Time: 6:47 PM.

Two members of the public addressed the Board:

Nancy Sclamo, 384 Haley Road, inquired as to the reserve funds and fund balance available. Discussion ensued regarding the reserves in place and percentages that must be kept for extenuating circumstances, overtime, etc. Mike Frederes spoke contributing to the discussion regarding CHIPS funding and other money from the State. He encouraged the public to contact its legislators regarding this State funding. Mrs. Sclamo stated that she would meet Supervisor Jacobs to discuss these items more in detail.

Supervisor Jacobs inquired a second time if anyone present would like to speak in **FAVOR** or **AGAINST**. No one additional wished to comment.

Town Clerk Phillips-Lomb stated that no written comments had been received for this public hearing.

Motion by Councilwoman Linson to close the Public Hearing.
Seconded by Councilman Phillips.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Linson	Aye
	Councilman Bryson	Aye
	Councilman Ambroz	Aye
	Councilman Phillips	Aye
	Supervisor Jacobs	Aye

Motion carried.

Time: 6:57 PM.

Supervisor Jacobs thanked all involved for their hard work and dedication throughout the budget planning process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Councilman Linson to enter into executive session to discuss medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal.

Seconded by Councilman Bryson.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Linson	Aye
	Councilman Bryson	Aye
	Councilman Ambroz	Aye
	Councilman Phillips	Aye
	Supervisor Jacobs	Aye

Motion carried.

Time: 6:57 PM

RECONVENE:

Supervisor Jacobs reconvened the regularly scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman Ambroz to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Linson.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Linson	Aye
	Councilman Bryson	Aye
	Councilman Ambroz	Aye
	Councilman Phillips	Aye
	Supervisor Jacobs	Aye

Motion carried.

Time: 7:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimée Phillips-Lomb
Town Clerk