

**Town of Andes
Budget Workshop
September 24th, 2018 7:00PM
Andes Town Hall**

Present:

Supervisor Wayland 'Bud' Gladstone
Councilman Thomas Hall
Councilman Dale Cole
Highway Superintendent John Bouton

Councilman Shayne Moshier
Councilman Ritchie Gabriel
Town Clerk Kimberly Tosi

Others:

Karen Kropp-By the Books

Judy Garrison-Andes Library

Call to Order:

The workshop was called to order by Supervisor Gladstone at 7:00PM.

Discussion:

Budget was reviewed by the Town Bookkeeper Karen Kropp with the board. To stay under the tax cap, the general and highway funds combined could only go up \$40,769.

Discussion took place over salaries. Most asked for 3%. Highway superintendent asked for 6.4%. Also asked for an increase in the deputy highway superintendent stipend. All stipends have not been given a raise in 5 years. Board discussed a 4.5% increase in the highway superintendent salary. Then for all employees. This would put the budget over the tax cap.

Highway fund- discussed continuing to use \$65,000 in fund balance to keep taxes down. Increase in general repairs expense to cover the processing of stone that the Highway Department is in negotiations along with the attorney over utilizing. Addition of \$15,000 to the Machinery-Equipment line.

Able to lower the health insurance lines in both general and highway budgets.

Judy Garrison, from the Andes Library, spoke regarding the library's request for increased funding in 2019.

Other:

Motion to purchase the dump box from Viking Cives USA for \$24,820, made by Councilman Moshier, Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

The box will be paid for by utilizing the funds made by the sale of surplus equipment in 2018.

Another budget workshop will be held on October 1st, 2018 at 7PM.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Hall, Seconded by Supervisor Gladstone. All in favor. 9:45PM.