

**TOWN OF HANNIBAL  
WORKSHOP MEETING/2022 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**Present:** Supervisor Floyd Calkins  
Councilman Greg Hilton  
Councilwoman Heather Ladd  
Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur  
Councilwoman Brenda Wilson  
Town Clerk Denise Hafner

**Others Present:** Tara Clark; Marian Calkins; Ron Wilson, Jessica Green, Ryan Green, Carl Emmons, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer; Carl Emmons, Sr.; Kathy Emmons, Donna Whitcomb; Ellen Killicutt; Kim Malone; Missy Hoefler; Alena Sanford; Raymond Johnson; Bonnie Howard; Greg Caster, Reporter for the Pall-Times

Supervisor Floyd Calkins called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm.

- Supervisor Floyd Calkins introduced the Board members to the public and read a statement informing how the public hearing would be held. He informed the public that the proposed 2022 Town Budget is posted on the Town's website at hannibalny.org. He also explained that the budget would carry a property tax rate of around \$3.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, a decrease from the prior \$4.12 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. He then asked if there were any questions or comments from the public about the proposed budget.
- Kathy Emmons asked the amount of the employee raises proposed in the budget. She stated it had been suggested that the job(s) could be done for free and wondered if that was actually true.
- Marian Calkins raised some concerns about the confusion over the Town Budget and the responsibilities of the Budget Director versus a Board member. She explained that the Budget Director, who is either the Town Supervisor or someone appointed by the Town Supervisor, prepares and presents the Budget to be discussed by the Town Board at the scheduled Budget Workshops. This proposed budget was discussed line by line by the board members who were present at the workshops. If a board member is not present to discuss the budget, it may be difficult for that board member to understand the budget and they may make incorrect assumptions. She also pointed out that contrary to the misinformation being spread; this Town Supervisor has actually saved money for the Town Tax payers. She gave several examples, the first being the refinancing of Water District 2 saving the property owners over \$20,000/year and decreasing the EDU charge from \$282.42 to \$234.21 per property this year. Secondly, the Town historically earned approximately \$25 a year in interest. Since Floyd Calkins became Town Supervisor, the Town earned over \$1,100 this year even with the interest rates historically low due to COVID and in 2020, prior to the losses from COVID, the Town earned over \$4,000 for the year.
- Carl Emmons, Jr. reiterated that the Town Board members who were present at the Budget Workshops did go through the proposed 2022 Budget line by line. He stated that even with the proposed raises for the Town Officials and employees, the budget will include a lower tax rate.
- Supervisor Floyd Calkins asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public. When there were no further comments, he asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilwoman Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve the following resolution; seconded by Councilman Greg Hilton.

**Resolution 84 -2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hannibal Town Board approves to close the Town of Hannibal 2022 Budget Public Hearing at 6:07pm and open the Town Board Workshop.**

**Ayes:5 [Hilton, Ladd, Wilbur, Wilson, Calkins]**

**Nays: 0**

- Supervisor Floyd Calkins stated that a motion was needed to allow the Bookkeeper to file the Tax Cap. Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur made a motion to pass the following resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ladd.

**Resolution 85-2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hannibal Town Board approves to allow the Bookkeeper to file the Tax Cap.**

**Ayes:5 [Hilton, Ladd, Wilbur, Wilson, Calkins]**

**Nays: 0**

- Supervisor Floyd Calkins stated that a letter of interest was received from Attorney Graham Seiter for the position of Town Attorney. Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur made a motion to approve the following resolution; seconded by Councilman Greg Hilton.

**Resolution 86-2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hannibal Town Board approves to hire Attorney Graham Seiter as the Town of Hannibal Attorney.**

**Ayes: 5 [Hilton, Ladd, Wilbur, Wilson, Calkins]**

**Nays: 0**

- The Board briefly discussed the proposed Water District on Muck Drive and stated that it will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Supervisor Floyd Calkins stated that the board will focus on discussing the ARPA Funds at the January 2022 Workshop.

At 6:13pm, Councilwoman Virginia Wilbur made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Greg Hilton.

Ayes: 5 [Hilton, Ladd, Wilbur, Wilson, Calkins]

Nays: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise J. Hafner*

Denise J. Hafner, Hannibal Town Clerk