

Town Of Hamilton
June 22nd 7:00pm
Morris Lynch Center
Public Hearing

Present: Mayor Goodrich, Commissioners: Kerry Spivey, Linda Goodrich, Patricia Moring, Judith Stewart and William Freeman.

Meeting called to order and welcomed by Mayor Goodrich.

Prayer by Commissioner Judith Stewart

Pledge to the Flag: By all.

Public Comment

During the public comment portion of the Public Hearing it was questioned as to why the water and sewer revenues were so much higher than the previous year. Mayor Goodrich, went on to explain that the Board had made a necessary move to increase the Water and Sewer rates to be able to compensate for the lack of raising them in previous years. That Rural Waters had urged the board heavily to comply and increase rates. Doing so would decrease the amount we were taking out of our unappropriated funds by roughly thirty thousand dollars. But that if we were to ignore their suggestions that we could face the possibility of the State coming in and taking over the town, and the rates, and not being concerned about doing it gradually, but being able to set them where the town needed them to be. It was also questioned about the salary increase for water and sewer which was explained by the need for hiring a separate Maintenance Supervisor than ORC where previously both positions were held by the same town employee before his retirement. It was also commented on the decrease in revenue from Franchise Tax. This was suggested to be explained by the effects that COVID has had on our town, county and state. The taxes have gone down that are being received therefor the revenue from them would go down as well.

Motion to adjourn Public hearing made by Commissioner Moring, Second by Commissioner Stewart. Unanimous 5-0 vote.

Public Hearing adjourned.

Mayor

Town Clerk