

KENDALL TOWN BOARD

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Recessed Meeting (from October 18th)

Kendall Town Hall ó 1873 Kendall Road, Kendall, New York 14476

Supervisor Cammarata reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Flow	excused, attending an Orleans County animal control meeting
Councilman Martin	present
Councilman Newell	present
Councilwoman Szozda	present
Supervisor Cammarata	present

SUPERVISOR'S REMARKS

Budget ó Preliminary being worked on

Andrew Kludt will be recommended for re-appointment to the Orleans County Planning Board for a three year term, representing the Town of Kendall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Gaesser, Kendall Road ó asked if the 4.55% change listed on the cover sheet of the preliminary budget is accurate, and how that affects the 2% taxcap. Supervisor Cammarata answered affirmatively, and said the tax rate will rise 20 cents, but the budget will be under the 2% cap.

Mr. Gaesser, referring to the minutes of the January 2016 Joint Hamlin-Kendall Water meeting, asked if Kendall did receive the disbursement check from that joint water department for \$153,178.80. Supervisor Cammarata answered affirmatively. Mr. Gaesser asked if the funds from that consolidated water district are being allocated to create fund balance in the 2017 budget for those special districts. Supervisor Cammarata said, "not all of them. What we are attempting to do is to take the amount divided by the number of parcels per each of the water districts." Mr. Gaesser said that would be \$198.92 per parcel. Supervisor Cammarata said the number of parcels used was nine hundred something, so the dollar amount per parcel was \$155. Mr. Gaesser pointed out that the resolution passed at the Town of Hamlin and Town of Kendall Special Joint Town Board Meeting specified 770 parcels. That number determined the division of money with Hamlin. If there were over 900 parcels, the split should have been higher in favor of Kendall. Mr. Gaesser asked if the joint board decision required the two towns to handle those funds in the same manner. Supervisor Cammarata and Councilwoman Szozda answered, "no." Mr. Gaesser asked if any of the board members know how those funds were generated. No one answered. Mr. Gaesser said that over the course of years, the consolidated water district built up fund balance from user fees, NOT tax money. Supervisor Cammarata said that money can be used to pay off debt. Mr. Gaesser said the Hamlin-Kendall Water Department has no debt. Supervisor Cammarata said the town of Kendall water districts do have debt, and because that money can be used for this, the budget is remarkable, and under the tax cap. Mr. Gaesser said a budget raising the tax levy for both General and Highway, while using special district one time windfalls to stay under the cap is deceiving. Water district users are refunding fund balance that was not built up by taxes, but user fees, which now the whole town benefits from. This is unfair to those

water users, in his opinion, and questioned its legality. Supervisor Cammarata stated that he had two independent Certified Public Accountants and the bookkeeper advise him on this. Mr. Gaesser asked if those advisements were reflected in the minutes or on any recorded document. Supervisor Cammarata said the Board decided to do this as a Board. Mr. Gaesser asked if the Board members could be addressed individually. Supervisor Cammarata declined the request. Mr. Gaesser stated that a decision involving the disbursement of such a large amount of money should have a public expression of Board action through resolution with a roll call vote. Also, all the taxpayers, including those outside of these districts, are benefitting from the refund of reserved funds. The rate of tax in both the general and highway funds is being increased. Each year there is more levy in those funds. The fund balance used in water districts is misleadingly keeping the budget below the 2% tax cap.

Supervisor Cammarata said the taxes are being raised. He said the Board wants to do the right thing, and appreciates Mr. Gaesser's comments. The problem is the tax rate has been flat for ten years. Although the levy has usually increased, the rate has remained constant, and fund balance has been used to keep the flat rate. That cannot continue indefinitely.

Mr. Gaesser said the Hamlin Town board decided to disburse the funds to the water users in those districts affected, since it was raised from user fees, not taxpayers. It was anticipated for the seven years of Mr. Gaesser's experience on the Kendall Town Board that Kendall would do likewise. He feels Kendall's decision is inappropriate.

RESOLUTIONS

Szozda made the following motion, seconded by Newell:

RESOLUTION 113-1116 CHANGE HEALTHCARE INSURANCE PROVIDER FROM UNIVERA HEALTHCARE TO BLUECROSS/BLUESHIELD OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Whereas the renewal of healthcare insurance is up for its yearly renewal on December 1, 2016 and,

Whereas after careful comparison and review, the Kendall Town Board finds that BC/BS of WNY has better and more cost effective plans for the Town of Kendall employees and the Town of Kendall taxpayers,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Town of Kendall change healthcare insurance providers from Univera Healthcare an Excellus Company, P.O. Box 23000, Rochester, NY 14692 to BC/BS of WNY, PO Box 80, Buffalo, NY 14240.

Supervisor Cammarata called for a vote, resulting in all ayes.

Newell made the following motion, seconded by Szozda:

RESOLUTION 114-1116 SETTING MEDICAL BENEFITS BENCHMARK PLANS AND COSTS TO BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED, to adopt the following changes effective December 1, 2016 to the Town of Kendall Medical Policy:

Change:

Section 1 – Definitions

Benchmark Medical Plan-- is the medical plan(s) and subsequent cost of the medical plan the Town Board selects to offer to eligible elected officials and employees as set forth in this policy.

The Benchmark Medical Plan is Univera valU plus Silver2 Plan.

Family Plan \$1206.09 per month

Subscriber and spouse Plan \$846.38 per month

Subscriber and child Plan \$719.42 per month

Single Plan \$423.19 per month

Any employee wishing to select the Univera valUcare Gold 11 Plan may do so at his or her own expense.

To Read:

Section 1 – Definitions Benchmark Medical Plan- is the medical plan(s) and subsequent cost of the medical plan the Town Board selects to offer to eligible elected officials and employees as set forth in this policy.

The Benchmark Plan is BC/BS of WNYø Silver PPO 8100 plan

Family Plan \$1262.29per month

Two Person Plan \$885.82 per month

Single Plan \$442.91 per month

Any part time employee wishing to select a BC/BS Plan of WNY may do so at his or her own expense. Payments are to be made by payroll deduction.

Supervisor Cammarata called for a vote, resulting in all ayes.

With no further business being brought forward, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Richardson