

BUDGET COMMITTEE
KENNEDY, OBERACKER, FRAZIER, KOUTNIK, STAMMEL, MCCARTY
October 24, 2019

Also Present: Board Chair Bliss, Treasurer Allen Ruffles via video conference, Deputy Treasurer Andrew Crisman, Representative Farwell, and Representative Shannon

Absent: Representative Oberacker and Representative Stammel

TREASURER- TREASURER ALLEN RUFFLES and DEPUTY TREASURER ANDREW CRISMAN

Treasurer Allen Ruffles, via video conference, reported that sales tax collection is on track as budgeted.

The Committee discussed recent changes to NYS law requiring out-of-state online retailers to collect sales tax on purchases made by NYS residents and remit the sales tax funds back to the State for redistribution, and whether or not those additional funds will significantly increase the amount of sales tax collected. The Committee also discussed the impact of the reduction in the NYS Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) funding, and if these additions and cuts will be a wash.

Treasurer Ruffles reviewed the year-to-date financials as of the end of September.

Treasurer Ruffles reviewed the proposed Exhibit B spreadsheet.

Treasurer Ruffles and Deputy Treasurer Crisman reviewed specific department budget items, including but not limited to line increases and decreases, and personnel details. Treasurer Ruffles said he will request department heads revisit their budgets to verify no additional reductions can be made.

REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES- HANK SCHECHER

Hank Schecher, Director of Real Property Tax Services, requested adding an administrative aide position to the department. Mr. Schecher said the department used to have more staff, over time it has been reduced, and adding a position would help address succession planning.

Mr. Schecher exited the meeting. The Committee continued the discussion regarding whether or not to fund an additional position in the department.

TREASURER (CONT'D)- TREASURER ALLEN RUFFLES and DEPUTY TREASURER CRISMAN

The Committee discussed the property tax cap and the occupancy tax.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee set their next meeting date for Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 10:00am at the County Office Building and adjourned.