

Town of New Paltz
Town Budget
October 22, 2008

Present: Kitty Brown, David Lewis, JaneAnn Williams, Toni Hokanson
The meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Ira Margolis – has problem with funding for library – he feels the Attorney should check the law – purchase of assets (construction of building) being checked out by attorney general. Can municipality to take taxpayers money to a private corp?

Recreation:

Councilwoman Brown stated Recreation budget has doubled or tripled from last year.

Councilwoman Wiiiams stated that the budget is the most confusing thing. Moving one person from Building and Grounds to recreation for supervision – seasonal help planned for also. Equipment will be needed at Field of Dreams, with the possibility of sharing at Clearwater.

Estimate of \$20,000. in fund raising from athletic groups. Clearwater work has been by volunteer – need more in house . (\$1,500. less) Used vehicle sought over new for use at the Field of Dreams. Recreation Personal Services line includes: Chuck, Recreation Director, 1 Building and Ground person and 1 seasonal person.. Housing mower in temporary shed, eventually a pavillion. Fields have to be mowed every week. Chuck baseball and softball starting to get involved. Two fields should be ready for spring with two softball fields. Baseball stays at Clearwater.

Councilwoman Brown suggested to replace Crossroads photos with Field of Dreams during budget time. Ok good idea
Clearwater budget reduced.

At 7:45 pm Phil Johnson Highway budget:

Supervisor Hokanson updated inventory – handed in with budget. Town Law: Annual inventory toe Town Board on or before 9/30/ of each year. Phil Johnson will provide 2008 list. He can not get balances from Bookeeper, add contingency line, but Supervisor Hokanson not raising taxes for it.

Garbage – brush and leaves pick up – ok – tires left ocassionally

Jenkins – needs to be widened for Thruway trucks to turnaround.

Meantime, fix water problem – culvert ices up the road. Drainage need to pipe thru the road – Phil have to ask Joe Morriello. Town has to write letter asking for permission to fix the road? Would be fixed next winter. Salt shed – bid top part which is on Thursday night's agenda.

For Sale Signs – if get Fair market value there isnot need to put out for bid.

\$55,000. put in for Equipment – need new plow trucks – no money for any equipment in this budget line 5110.20

Supervisor Hokanson responded not purposely left out 5142.2

Phil's Salary – doing the same job. Supervisor Hokanson responded without recycling salary cut by \$4900. the Salary for Recycling came out of Phil's salary.

Phil – Supervisor Hokanson prepares, Board agrees. His salary cut for no reason. Took away recycling - \$2500. He questioned why he gets a 6% and Town Clerk gets 3%. Set some standards. He put \$51,1..... was at \$47420 for 2007 got \$42316.60 last year same as 2003 \$35000 back how – recycling does not need. \$50000 Water and Sewer backhoe Water Dept OT could have done water line on community center – cost \$3000.

At 8:40 pm Joe Snyder

Councilwoman Brown questioned how on OT versus last year. Joe replied he had a difficult year. Two injured officers, an officer resigned – two new hires went elsewhere. For the majority of the year 15 patrol officers down to 10 or 11 for most of the year. One is still out on injury. Contingency – higher. Supervisor Hokanson explained amount for retirement if they go – of 2 eligible last year 1 retired. 2 are retiring this year, next year 3 Sgts and 2 patrol officers eligible to retire. Supervisor Hokanson will check with Lynn in Payroll on buy backs over last 3 years. Supervisor Hokanson did not mean to be \$156,900, meant to be \$136,000

Councilwoman Brown need to see what cost are- simply saying including in contract does not provide figures. Supervisor Hokanson agreed.

Councilwoman Brown questioned if there were anything to re- evaluate, Motorcycle?

Joe Snyder responded motorcycle is great. Bike helped down town.

Councilwoman Brown questioned motor cycle repairs she saw in the vouchers last year. Cycle loaded added computer – will switch over to new bike when lease is up.

Joe – initial budget 8.5% increase – sees it as manageable.

Councilwoman Brown questioned floor mats needed changing every year in cars? She suggested to replace cycle with a bike and not a car.

Joe suggest look at cycle mileage – responding to calls with Main St traffic; traffic; community interest, easy to maneuver; traffic enforcement – cell phones; crosswalks; 32 events per year.

Councilwoman Brown brought up parade request.

Joe explained that a form was created for advance notice – Village approves for their marches, etc. Attorney says we can not charge for public safety.

Councilwoman Brown corporate event asking for municipal services, if not tied into police protection.

Supervisor Hokanson explained the Town needs to create an event permit.

(Halloween curfew 9:30 pm till 6 am next morning) couple of trouble spots but no curfew for the Town.

Joe – non budget items – 2 new cars – PBA cars grant given to Police Department thru PBA funding. ATV was purchased thru grant and DARE Vehicle purchased (Bonacic's office grant); 2 cameras needed for new DARE car and another car. Add into budget \$9300.. Second Item – cell phones – updating phones some dead batteries.

Supervisor Hokanson said Verizon provides free phone every 10 months to municipalities. \$300. year increase (includes 2 blackberries) for service, \$100. each for 2 phones. For Ltd O and Joe S increase of 2.3% for this year now 2.7%.

Supervisor Hokanson suggested Joe talk to Patty on using same sales rep.

Add to contingency line – fingerprints – uses old technology – Jan of 2010 – electronic finger printing will be mandatory. \$80000 machine now down to \$30000.. Some grants available he will pursue.

Supervisor Hokanson \$40000 for finger printing and camera look for grant or go to A fund contingency and not add to budget. Will plan quarterly review of budget to watch how it is being spent.

At 9:45 pm Councilwoman Brown moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Lewis.

Respectfully Submitted

Marian Cappillino