

Town of New Paltz Town Board Budget Meeting

October 29, 2008

Present: JaneAnn Williams, Kitty Brown, Toni Hokanson

At 7:48 p.m. the meeting was opened by the Supervisor with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Ira Margolis, Village resident, has not heard from attorney general regarding \$125,000 from the Town to the library. It is illegal to purchase assets which become part of corporation. Nobody benefits – it goes to corporation. Budget for \$170,000. – Treasurer has no regard for Senior Citizens and handicapped. They put in compliance items because they had to. Self-closing gate adds to dangerous citizen situation; no respect and no concern for segment not deserving to get money from them.

Suit will go forward.

Erin Quinn – steps dangerous – come up year and half addressed at Town Gown Meeting.

Susan Scher – we do not know yet; not convinced of real danger – no money.

Announcement

Food Stamps and HEAP – 11/7; and 11/14

Library – Alan Bowdery – capital expenditures – thorough review done by Joe Moriello. Municipal payments below average, statewide and locally. 2007 - \$155,035. given by Town 82%. Requesting 66% of their budget. Private fund raising done very well. New Paltz has been under funding library.

Susan Scher – library will be more important than ever – gives free books, Computer service circulation is up. We have a deficit asking the Town to help the library to keep service at a high level.

Erin Quinn – what is theory for charging late fees? Is there an incentive for patrons to bring books back?

Carol Roper – the library board has not ignored handicapped issue; it's a vital part of the community – we need all the support we can get.

Recycling Budget:

Laura Petit – Supervisor Hokanson removed skid steer – Capital EQ grant available.

Backhoe purchase from Buildings and Grounds – on list for Recycling Grant. Building (not part of 2009 budget) started out as baby barn, as offices put on concrete said Builder Inspector. Concrete platform with radiating heat – Solar for heat and hot water, starting at \$22,000. Composting toilet is preferred septic system. Supervisor Hokanson is to meet with Town Engineer to decide what to do first.

Carol Roper – Materials exchange and Library will work together – Jill will share the books with the Library.

Moriello Pool:

Bill Russell – largest change to budget – electricity – about \$1000. more per month. Large increase in personnel hours with anticipated revenue much higher.

Supervisor Hokanson explained that the Board needed an estimate for extra person – 70 - 75 hours per week to man the gate. 7.50 - \$8. per hour and CPR trained – (just under \$7000.) 70 – 75 hours for 12 weeks

Councilwoman Brown – noon to 5 per day – for 1st test year. She then decided to try it for a month.

Councilwoman Williams cautions the Board to use clear signage – show date unavailable for weekends

Councilwoman Brown suggested trying 2:30 to closing at 7:30 pm. 9 am Tuesday – Wednesday swim lessons; Monday Friday Senior time

Supervisor Hokanson suggested do it from 12 to close.

Councilwoman Williams's signage 7 1/2x8.00x10

Bill Russell stated Town runs facility should be Town decision.

Supervisor Hokanson stated to put person in, increase family -12 – 7:30 – all days pool is open ; play ground opened in am by Building and Grounds; gate locked until Bill says otherwise; stamp people at pool 12:00 play ground locked for 15 minutes; staff person comes – hand stamping required. In 2008 - \$93,800 – difference; 2007 – fees went up.

Youth Budget

Jim Tinger – paying for water and sewer now why was it not included in his budget; also mileage (to go to Sam's Club weekly) 16 miles x 26 x .588=\$244. put in \$500. Cell phone? On salary – annual 3% COLA is respectful for all Town employees.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to set the Public Hearing for 2009 Budget on November 12th at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Transfers

Supervisor Hokanson moved to transfer from the contingency, AAA522199040, to Garage, Equipment AAA522513220 in the amount \$16,430. replacing the salt shed with a steel arch structure as discussed at the Board Meeting of 9/18/2008. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepayment

Supervisor Hokanson moved to approve the prepayment of voucher # 87310 from Safety Inspection, CE BBB522362040 in the amount of \$80.00 to Orange County Citizens Foundation for a “Building Green Conference” being held on 11/13/2008, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast.

At 9:48 pm Councilwoman Brown moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk