

Public Hearing on 2011 Budget – November 4, 2010 7 p.m.

Present: DL, JL, KB, JAW,TH

At :13 p.m. TH opened the PH with the Pledge.

Public Comment: Steve Auerbach, Town resident, lack of preparation, as sloppy as you can get. 1% - \$650,000 mistake-accumulated departmental numbers and presented them as the budget.

Supervisor –foremost spending – be a CEO to the Town. Mike Hein made tough decisions. Freeze expenditures at last year’s level. 1.2 in fun balance – overtaxing us – budget is padded by large amount. Tax increases are not sustainable. Do job you were elected to do.

Josh Honig, Town resident-the budget is too dam high group. Hold to 0% increase. Your turn now

Mike Hein –control property taxes.

Ira Margolis, Village resident: two comments on expenses and revenue. Expense side: allocate for PD negotiating contract – giving up to arbitration is not fiscally responsible. Revenue side: you get money back – where did it go? Agreeing before the contracts to take X, why are you adding Y? 5223120.4- \$169,600 for Police, PS buyout. \$161,000 taken from taxes before that \$58,000

Have to be strong as a board. \$300,000 lot of money to go..where? Lot of money. Everybody is struggling. Have to sit with union rep and offer flat rate-not going any further. Don’t just give people what they want.

Revenue side; office of real property reclassifying properties as 200-there are 254 properties misclassified as non-commercial—landlords making money that we’re not getting – we don’t see any of that money. It’s not unreasonable for bar owners to pay special tax rate

Dan Malinowski, T resident: anything greater than 0% - let people go if you can’t afford them. Freeman story: there are things you can do – cut payroll or expenses. Increases listed in Freeman –garbage collections calls for an 108% increase. We elected you, we’ll un-elect you.

Don Kerr, Village resident, co-chair of Public Access Committee – one of the success-PA.. franchise fee-cable users pay tax. PA generating revenue – going up every year. Not a place to cut.