

Budget Meeting – New Paltz Town Board
7 p.m. October 18, 2010

Present: David Lewis, Jeff Logan, JaneAnn Williams, Toni Hokanson

At 7:05 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tonight's agenda: 2011 Budget; pass resolution to upgrade street lights by Central Hudson at no cost, Executive session to discuss fire contract.

Budget; Mike Nielson, Highway Supt. Mandates – need funding. Erin Quinn, reporter, asked if the Mayor's press release calls for increase of 18%-want to comment?

Supervisor Hokanson responded no; Councilman Logan responded yes, he is correct. 5.46 is tax rate. Numbers came out of the budget. .25 is tax rate according to the supervisor. 8.279 is proposed for 2011, 7.2532 is 2010 rate.

Supervisor Hokanson calculated everything without fire. Current .25 is with fire included.

Councilman Logan stands corrected- 14.2% is the increase. Why? Supervisor responded she will respond to Councilman Logan after she exams the numbers. She will reexamine math. Budget not prepared carefully. Councilman Logan does not have every work sheet from every department, told the Supervisor You prepare the budget without having correct work sheets.

Highway Superintendent: signs: 2008 mandate requires updating of all signs and needs to be done by 2015. Breakaway hardware: Will have a lifespan of signs. Needs post driver; will use Village compressor– they will use our post driver.

Budget line: 5010 bump up – conferences, seminars, office supplies.

Budget line; 5132 – waste oil burner: used to heat the garage. TH: put one pt mechanic on A fund for Town vehicles.

Septic repair: leech field needs repair. JAW will get info from recent visit to a treatment plant.

Electricity: 3 OR 4 %; Fuel oil: based on dept of energy

Safety mats

First Aid and safety: expired products – working with previous supplier-more expensive but good.

Fees for rodent control: slightly higher.

Blacktop at garage; eliminate salt ring in the parking lot. Fencing

Door openers:

Lights: energy audit done by Central Hudson – to replace all lights.

Snow removal: removed 80 hours OT- have 2formen now Equipment: equip line of 51110 - \$55,000 looking at three trucks as part of replacement schedule. Repair costs higher; eliminated one cell phone – no more pagers.

Gas, diesel: department of Energy.

Increase in sand and salt costs. Long-term may see 50% reduction. Resolution: DB-DA

5110 kept same OT shift; equipment is other half of lease payments.

Uniform, boots: same.

Travel and petty case: increased. Put in new line for education. Cornell's plan called Roadmaster. Men enthused about attending school.

General repairs:

Engineering study done year ago – we are falling behind saving -200,000/yrs

Bridge on Plains Road by Rail Trail – anything over 8’ it belongs to the Town despite being in the Village.

\$125,000 put in as half-Lloyd won’t spend \$125,000. Seek grant money (Tips)

Any curb cuts needed to be in? Mike has heard nothing. Supervisor thanked the Highway Superintendent for the great work done at the Police Department-he said the crew did it.

Resolution to upgrade street lights: the lighting committee made recommendations to Central Hudson. Supervisor Hokanson started to move the resolution –questions arose on Schreibers Lane/Route 32 South. She suggested to wait until Thursdays’ meeting so she can clarify.

At 8:43 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing details of a contract. Seconded by Councilman Logan, who asked why was it necessary to go into Executive session to discuss the contract. He is more comfortable discussing it at the table. It fails to meet anything in the open meetings law. Three aye votes cast, one no by Councilman Logan.

At 9:03 p.m. a motion was made by JL to come out of Executive session. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to set a public hearing date for the fire contract at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9th. Following the public hearing, a budget meeting will take place. Ugh! Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:15 p.m. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino

Town Clerk

JL: Worksheets on sewer 6: NO. Lot of water spent on Sewer6; increase revenues in SW 6. TH: STORMWATER? No. SEW 6, yes, worksheets done..