

Cont. Public Hearing-Fracking/Town Board/Budget Meeting
October 25, 2012
7:15 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilwoman Jean Gallucci, Councilwoman Kitty Brown, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Kevin Barry.

At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to open the continuation of the Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 140 of the Town Code to Prohibit Natural Gas and/or Oil Exploration and Extraction; a proposed Local Law to Prohibit the Disposal of Natural Gas and/or Oil Production Wastes into the Municipal Sewer System and a proposed Local Law to Prohibit Brine on Town Roads. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Myra Long- Asked if the laws would enable them to take water out of the Wallkill River. Thanked everyone on the Board for their work. Supervisor Zimet believed that the laws would prohibit extraction from the Wallkill.

Councilwoman Gallucci read aloud the following comments from the Chair of the Town's Planning Board, Michael Calimano:

On October 22, 2012, the Planning Board reviewed the proposed Local Law amending Chapter 140 of the Town Code to prohibit natural gas and/or oil exploration and extraction. The Planning Board wanted to clarify that this, as well as other proposed laws, did not prohibit the local gas utility from extending their existing gas pipelines throughout the town based on their long range plans. Natural gas to heat our homes is a cleaner burning fuel than the existing mix of oil and wood presently used for home heating in the town.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to keep the Public Hearing open and continue on November 15th at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Supervisor Zimet read aloud written comments submitted to the Board by Young K. Son, Dan Winfield, David & Simone Edwards and Andy Loyer; all residents of the Waring Lane/Lent Subdivision area. The comments were all relative to the gate that was installed at the end of Lent Drive and their desire for it to remain there permanently. It has helped dramatically reduce dangerous traffic in the neighborhood, making it safer for the children.

Dave Lent- Time Warner will provide conservation funds in the amount of \$200,000+.

Announcements:

The Bike-Ped committee is still looking for participation with the survey,
The Grand Opening at the Re-Use Center was a great event. Everyone is encouraged to visit.

Tentative Budget: A-Fund:

*Supervisor line A1220.1- Includes a salary increase for the ***Confidential Secretary*** from \$33,475 to \$40,000 (increase of about 20%). A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to give the secretary a 3% (\$1,004) salary increase (from \$33,475 to \$34,479). Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. Councilwoman Gallucci offered a friendly amendment of a 15% increase (\$5,021), not accepted by Councilwoman Brown. Councilwoman Gallucci, Councilman Barry & Supervisor Zimet voted nay, Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Logan voted aye. Motion failed. Councilwoman Brown suggested a stipend for grant writing. Councilman Barry recommended a 10% salary increase (\$33,475 to \$36,823) and a stipend for grant writing in the amount of \$3,178. This was not supported by Councilwoman Brown.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown for a 3% salary increase (\$1,004) and a \$5,000 stipend for grant writing from a line in the A Fund to be determined. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

*Supervisor line A1220.1- Includes a 40% salary increase for the **Supervisor** from \$49,307 to \$70,000. Councilman Barry proposed an increase of about 8%, from \$49,307 to \$53,000 and offer a stipend for 2012 in the amount of \$10,000 and a stipend for 2013 in the amount of \$7,000. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown for a 3% salary increase (\$1,479) for a total of \$50,786. Seconded by Councilman Logan. Councilwoman Gallucci offered a friendly amendment of the addition of a stipend in the amount of \$10,000 for 2013. Councilwoman Brown did not accept the amendment. Aye votes cast by Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Barry and Councilman Logan. Nay votes cast by Councilwoman Gallucci and Supervisor Zimet. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry for a stipend for 2012 and 2013 in the amount of \$9,607 each for the additional work. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci. Aye votes cast by Councilman Barry, Supervisor Zimet and Councilwoman Gallucci. Nay votes cast by Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Logan. Motion carried.

Councilman Logan suggested some of the 2012 stipend come out of A1010 and the rest from A1340.1. The 2013 PS line in the tentative budget decreased from \$122,310 to \$103,232 and includes the salaries of the Supervisor (\$50,786 + \$9,607 stipend), confidential secretary (\$34,479) and the former secretary of B&G (\$8,360).

*Youth Program line A7310- It was recommended that the drivers licenses of the employees of the Youth Center be run in order for them to be covered under the Town's policy when transporting kids on trips in personal vehicles. No changes were made to Tentative.

Break- 10:07 p.m.

*Refuse & Garbage line A8160- Increased from \$59,000 to \$70,000 due to Tipping fees. No changes made to Tentative.

*Tax Collector line A1330- No changes made to Tentative. County will insert tax explanation prepared by individual towns with tax bills.

*Bookkeeper line A1340- Decreased from \$77,995 to \$57,187. PS will be part of negotiations with the Union. No changes made to tentative.

*Purchasing line A1345- Decreased from \$10,428 to \$6,833. No changes made to tentative.

*Assessor line A1355- Decreased from \$87,870 to \$74,960. PS will be part of negotiations. No changes made to tentative.

*Town Clerk line A1410- Decreased from \$107,800 to \$100,058. Includes a 5% salary increase for the Town Clerk from \$40,000 to \$42,000 to restore the cut that was made from 2011 to 2012. As well as a 5% increase for both Deputy Town Clerks. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown for a 3% increase (\$40,000 to \$41,200). Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. Aye votes cast by Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Logan, nay votes cast by Councilman Barry, Supervisor Zimet and Councilwoman Gallucci. Motion failed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown for 3% increases for the Deputies (\$33,280 to \$34,278 and \$12,480 to \$12,855). Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

*Records Management line A1460- Increased from \$300 to \$2,300 due to the need for shelving for proper records storage. No changes made to tentative.

*Buildings & Grounds line A1620- Decreased from \$553,190 to \$310,318. No changes made to tentative.

*Public Access line A1650.440- Increased from \$16,725 to \$17,355. No changes made to tentative.

*Moriello Pool line A7150-Increased overall. Half will be billed to the Village. Will be further discussed at next week's joint meeting. No changes made to tentative.

*Library line A7410-Remained the same at \$321,000 by contract by referendum. No changes made to Tentative.

*Celebrations line A7550-Decreased from \$5,000 to \$2,500. No changes made to tentative.

*Open Space line A8710-Decreased from \$49,700 to \$10,000. No changes made to tentative.

At 11:35 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk