

Workshop/Budget Meeting
October 18, 2012
7:30 p.m.

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

At 7:36 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: A motion was made by Councilman Barry to accept the agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Announcements:

Supervisor Zimet invited the audience and members of the community to participate in the survey that was created and being conducted by the Bike-Ped Committee. There are various locations around New Paltz that are distributing the surveys with a drop-box at Town Hall. Councilman Logan invited members of the community to attend the Grand Opening of the Re-Use Center on October 24th starting at 9:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served and a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 12:30 p.m.

Public Input:

Josh Honig read aloud a statement in which he thanked Supervisor Zimet and Councilwoman Gallucci for all their service and dedication while working on the budget.

Don Kerr shared good news with the Board about the meeting he attended with Supervisor Zimet and reps from Time Warner relative to the contract. Supervisor Zimet indicated that the Town should be getting about \$200,000 from the Construction Fund, as well as an additional \$30,000 for the Town and Village. The Village is willing to forfeit their half of the money with the understanding that the Town will purchase about \$7,500 worth of equipment that will be used by both the Town and Village. Don Kerr also agreed with the statements made by Josh.

Crossing Guard:

The Town received a letter from School Superintendent Maria Rice indicating that General Municipal Law prohibits the School District from employing and contributing to the expense of the municipality that employs the crossing guard. The School District is willing to provide the funds to pay the crossing guard while the Police Department manages him, and paid through a voucher. The prior resolution ends tonight and without a new one, there will be no crossing guard tomorrow.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to continue with the status quo until the School District prepares the MOU/IMA for the Town Board to approve. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Tentative Budget: B-Fund:

Supervisor Zimet explained to the Board the difference in figures from the 2012 to 2013 Budget:

*Purchasing line B1345.4 for the Building Department, Planning, Zoning Board, Historic Preservation Commission and Moriello Pool. Overall, this line increased to \$2,975. No changes made to tentative.

*Attorney line B1420.4 decreased from \$45,000 to \$26,000, no changes made to tentative.

Consultant fees were broken out. Supervisor Zimet indicated that developer's money has been co-mingled with tax money and that must be changed to a Trust & Agency.

*Engineer line B1440.4 was decreased from \$45,000 to \$26,000. No changes made to tentative.

At 8:30 p.m., Councilwoman Gallucci arrived.

*Public Access line B1650.443 decreased from \$11,135 to \$4,590. There are more meetings for the A-Fund than B, was not split appropriately in 2012. No changes made to tentative.

*Central Communications line B1650.4, which covers the yearly phone bill for the Building Department, Planning and Zoning Board remained the same at \$1000. No changes made to tentative.

*Central Printing & Mailing line B1670.4 for the Building Department, PB, ZBA and HPC decreased from \$1,100 to \$1,075. No changes made tentative.

*Central Data line B1680.4 remained the same at \$3,000. No changes made to tentative.

- *Building Department/Safety Inspections line B3620 increased about \$3,000 due to the addition of the Zoning Officer. No changes made to tentative.
- *Demo of Unsafe Buildings line B3650.4 decreased from \$6,000 to \$5,000. No changes made to tentative.
- *Other Public Safety-Emergency line B3989.4 increased from \$4,000 to \$4,600. Half will be reimbursed by the Village. No changes made to tentative.
- *Historic Preservation Commission line B7520.4 increased about \$5,700 due to the grant, but will come in as revenue. No changes made to tentative.
- *Celebrations line B7550.4 increased from \$300 to \$500 for the Volunteer Recognition Party with the Village. The Board agreed on the importance of this event, will discuss at joint meeting. No changes made to tentative.
- *Planning Board PS line B8020.4 increased slightly with the increase in salary for the secretary. No changes made tentative.
- *Wetlands Inspector line B8020.410 decreased from \$3,000 to \$0. Board agreed on appropriating \$2,000 for 2013.
- *Zoning Board line B8010.4 remained about the same even with the increase in salary for the secretary. No changes made to tentative.
- *EnCB line B8090.4 remained the same. However there was an error, the \$1,000 from 2012 was not carried over on budget worksheet. No changes made to tentative.
- *CIT/Beautification line B8510.4 was in A-Fund, now in B-Fund, decreased from \$4300 to \$4000. Tentative Budget changed from \$5,000 to \$4,000.
- *State Retirement line B9010.8 increased from \$11,352 to \$17,075. No changes made to tentative. Supervisor Zimet informed the Board that the Town must come up with an additional \$150,000 from the 2012 budget to cover what was not budgeted for employee retirement.
- *Workers Comp line B9040.8 increased from \$9,010 to \$10,530. No changes made to tentative.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the changes to the B-Fund as discussed and put in the Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

DA-Fund:

*Highway Department/Superintendent PS line DA5010.1 increased from \$68,700 to \$98,120 as a result of the merging of Highway and B&G. The Board discussed keeping the Supt. salary the same but offer a stipend for the additional work allocated by the different departments/funds the work is done for.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to allocate a stipend with an increase of 20%, which amounts to \$8,600 to be evenly distributed based on new responsibility the Highway Supt has accepted among 4 different lines. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. Supervisor Zimet supports the \$65,000 salary. Councilman Barry asked what has already been saved, and what is the value of the time spent. Councilwoman Gallucci was comfortable with the \$22,000 stipend. Councilwoman Brown voted aye, Councilmen Logan & Barry, Councilwoman Gallucci and Supervisor Zimet voted nay. Motion failed. The secretary to the Supt has become full time at the same salary. The Senior Foreman stipend decreased from \$7,500 to \$4,000, split between other lines. No changes made to tentative.

*Bridges PS line DA5120 decreased from \$10,790 to \$10,346 due to the reallocation of manpower. No changes made to tentative.

*State Retirement/Social Security lines DA9010.8 and 9030.8 will change based on allocation.

*Workers Comp/Dental/Medical/Disability lines DA9040 .8, 9061.8, 9060.8 and 9055.8 will change based on allocation.

*Snow Removal line DB5142, funds were previously in A-Fund, now in DB. If moved to DA, cannot be offset by anything. Supervisor Zimet will find out if the extra money in the B-Fund can help offset the cost of snow removal in DB Fund. Tentatively, snow removal will be moved to the DA-Fund from the DB based on Section 277 of Highway Law. Councilwoman Gallucci will check with the Comptroller on this.

The discussion went back to the Highway Superintendent salary.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to offer a stipend in the amount of \$19,500 where \$10,920 of that will come from Special Districts and B&G, and \$8,580 of it will come from the DA-Fund; for a total of \$62,500. The Supt salary will remain the same. Seconded by Councilman Barry. Aye votes cast by Councilmen Barry & Logan and Councilwomen Gallucci and Brown. Supervisor Zimet voted no. Motion carried.

At 10:40 p.m. there was a 5-minute break.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to accept the changes made to the DA-Fund. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, Councilwoman Gallucci voted no. Motion carried.

DB-Fund: These lines will all be allocated based on manpower-

*General Repairs line DB5110.4, staying in DB. Decreased by \$90,000 and showing in CHIPS Revenue line. No changes made to tentative.

*Machinery line DB5130, increased slightly, staying in DB. No changes made to tentative.

*Brush and Weeds line DB5140 decreased from \$26,951 to \$15,201, funds for equipment were not needed. Spring pick-up will only consist of brush and fall pick-up will only consist of leaves. No changes made to tentative.

*Traffic Control (Signage) line DB3310, was in A-Fund, now moved to DB. Increased from \$13,686 to \$24,791. No changes made to tentative.

*Garage line DB5132, was in A-Fund, now moved to DB. Decreased from \$43,827 to \$26,178. No changes made to tentative.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to accept the changes made to the DB-Fund, as recommended. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, Councilwoman Gallucci voted no. Motion carried.

Warrants:

Councilwoman Gallucci indicated she had questions on various vouchers during auditing and as a result, some were not signed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to authorize the Supervisor to pay the 2012 October warrant in the amount of \$339,519.12 and vouchers that were not signed do not get paid even though the full amount of warrant is being approved, until the Supervisor and bookkeeper can allocate the appropriate line to pay them. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:29 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk