

November 5, 2009  
2010 Budget Public Hearing

All Board members were present. Also attending were OIC Lawson and eight members of the Community.

Supervisor called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done.

Supervisor Pulver read the legal notice for the public hearing and opened the hearing to the public for comments or questions.

Jane Waters asked what happens when there is a deficit- do you have a Reserve Fund. Supervisor replied yes we do or we could take out a "tan" or "ban". We have not missed.

Ted Mallozzi asked where the Library budget fits in. Supervisor replied that seventy five thousand was put in – however you will probably see something less than that.

Rosemary Lyons-Chase asked about a beautification fund. Supervisor stated that we usually help the Garden Club.

She also said the Police Retirement Fund went up. Supervisor said yes – it is because the State raised the contribution.

Councilman Gardner added that most of the increases are due to Federal, State and County mandates.

Jim Mara asked how much you expect the election cost to be. Supervisor responded probably close to ten thousand toward the new machines. Mara asked if the Towns can organize and object – to which Supervisor stated that yes we have had many meetings with the County Executive regarding this issue.

Lyons-Chase asked if this is the last year for the old machines and was told yes.

Ted Mallozzi asked if there are raises for the employees, Supervisor replied none due to increase in benefits, retirement and health insurance increases.

Mallozzi also asked what the Board is going to do with this budget and Supervisor said they will pare it down after the Public Hearing is done.

Jim Mara asked the best time to make a "pitch" for the revalue. Supervisor said the money is currently in the budget and we could do a five year bond if we need to and leave it in. Mara said as Dept. head for the Assessors he has never been asked to make a presentation. Councilman Gardner stated that we did have someone come in and give one.

Councilman Butler added that we may be able to allocate it back in the budget.

Mara said he wants to know if he can go ahead with a proposal – State funding may dry up and we would lose that.

Councilman Keeler asked how big the State contribution is and Mara said five dollars per parcel. All subject to negotiations.

Lyons-Chase - in 2009 you expect a one hundred three thousand dollar deficit.  
Supervisor - usually the overages that the revenues cover- it has been done by Stuetzle – can flip the numbers around.

Motion by Gardner second by Butler to close the Public Hearing at 8:14pm. 5-0 passed.

Discussion followed regarding cuts that could be made for the 2010 budget and what is causing increases in the same.  
Supervisor said that the re-val is possible if they bill out the work in 2011 instead of 2010.  
Mara said the “RFP” is 95% done.  
Councilman Gardner said it costs nothing to put it out there.

The following line item adjustments were made: 1670.4 down \$1000.00, 3120.1 down \$1000.00, 7140.1 down \$3000.00, 7140.4 down \$7000.00, 7550.4 down \$1000.00, 8010.4 down \$2500.00, and 1355.4 down \$27,000.00.

Supervisor said we could borrow the whole amount for the re-val. Told Mara to put the “RFP” out as soon as possible.  
Mara said Pine Plains could take the old election machines for metal – 250 of them when they want to get rid of them

Supervisor said the Highway budget has stayed “static” for the last three years- Harpp has done a really good job.  
Supervisor said he will review and run through the numbers again and put new copies in the Boards mail boxes – he made note that 80% of the increase in the budget is from retirement and election mandates.

Motion by Gardner second by Keeler to adjourn. 5-0 passed.

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Town Clerk

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Gardner \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Butler \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Keeler \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Couse \_\_\_\_\_