

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-BUDGET WORKSHOP –9 am – September 27, 2012
Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran - Council Members
Clare Haynes - Town Clerk
Nancy Butler - Supervisor's Clerk
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent

Absent: Frank Tomaino - Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

At 9:05 am Mr. Gilkey called the budget workshop to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review the proposed 2013 budget.

DISCUSSION:

Retirement was a big hit again this year. The state gives the town estimates on how much our bill will be year to year so we can include the figure during the budget process. The figure they gave us for 2012 was \$9,000.00 short. This along with adding another person to the retirement system puts a strain on the budget. With this in mind, when Ms. Butler did the worksheet for the 2% tax cap it did not allow her to adjust for this big of an increase. Last year it allowed for an adjustment, the board asked Ms. Butler to call Albany to find an answer to this question.

Seeing that the tax cap amount might not be correct, the board will continue to review the proposed budget, suggest possible changes, but hold off until Ms. Butler has called Albany.

TENTATIVE BUDGET ITEMS:

Line items to be reviewed: (General Fund)

Appropriations:

A1355.12 - Assessor's Clerk - possible reduction

A3620.13 - Code Enforcement Clerk - possible reduction

A9950.9 - Capital Fund Town Hall - possible reduction

Revenues:

A1081 - Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes - change to \$719.00

A2610 - Fines and Forfeited Bail - possible reduction

A3005 - Mortgage Tax - possible reduction

Appropriations:

B391 - Water District Formation - possible reduction discussion followed, Mr. Gilkey will get with Barton and Loquidice to get a better number for the next meeting.

HIGHWAY:

Highway budget is the same as last year, revenues are down because of the light winter. The county pays us to plow their roads. Mr. Woolridge has decreased Machinery Eq. (DB5130.2) and increased Improvements C. O. (DB5112.2). A new pickup truck and a low bed for hauling the paver are the only big pieces of equipment expected to be purchased next year.

The roof still needs to be addressed, in the process of getting estimates.

ADJOURN:

At 11:50 am the meeting adjourned.