

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING – 2010 BUDGET
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009**

Meeting was held at Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY 12746

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Flieger

Councilmember's: Gary Spears, Karl Brabenec and Viola Sinsabaugh

Absent:

Councilmember: Liam O'Neill

Call to Order 7:36PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Gary Flieger: This is an open public hearing on our budget, we're going to propose two changes that we know of tonight, so that you could bring them up in your comments if you would like; one of the changes is going to be on the senior shuttle, we need to bring it up another \$10,000 up to \$52,000; and the other one that we're looking at is, at the end of this year I should have well over \$500,000 in surplus and with that surplus I would like to take a good portion of that and raise a fund balance that's on page G13, and what's that's going to do is it will bring our taxes down to about a 3.5.

Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk, read the Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is attached to the minutes

Public Comment:

Hilda Lehn: I take care of the senior bus, and we need little bit more money, we're not going to make it, we're going to get through the end of the year that's what Rob tells me. This service is needed so we need all we can get.

Motion to close public hearing

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2nd by Gary Spears, to close the public hearing.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Gary Spears and Gary Flieger

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to increase line A6772.4 Senior Shuttle

Motion made by Viola Sinsabaugh, 2nd by Karl Brabenec, to increase line A6772.4 Senior Shuttle from \$42,000 up to \$52,000.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Gary Spears and Gary Flieger

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to increase Appropriated Fund Balance

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2nd by Viola Sinsabaugh, to increase the Appropriated Fund Balance to \$95,000.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Gary Spears and Gary Flieger

MOTION CARRIED

Karl Brabenec: Read a letter from the New York State Comptroller's Office regarding the budget.

Gary Flieger: This was after 14 days of them coming in here and the only thing they found was we weren't keeping track of it and I do want to thank Mr. Schultz for his work on this. **Gary Spears:** We were actually keeping track of it but it was in one fund instead of two.

Comments from the Board:

Gary Spears: I have a couple of good comments, I see the Police Chief is here and our Highway Superintendent, but I would like to thank both of them for keeping their budget as tight as possible, both Mr. Hughson and Mr. Werner I think did an excellent job of keeping their budgets as low as they possibly could to help out the taxpayers of this town, and I really appreciate the work that both of you did; and just some of the things we should know, Gary and the Board added a contingency fund of \$50,000 so if we do run into problems hopefully we can direct the resources where they're needed, but I did want to get it out that we cut both of your departments and we know it's going to be hard but we appreciate the work you do for us. I'd also like to thank the fellow board members because with our three-year financial plan the State had predicted that we were going to have a minimum of an 8% tax increase just to cover our debt service and this board has got the proposed budget increase down to 3.5% through a lot of hard work and I'd like to compliment Vi and Karl and Gary and Liam for the work that they did.

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Karl Brabenec: I'd like to echo the comments of Councilman Spears and congratulate this board as well, again, he said that it was projected at 8%, we've cut it down significantly, and there was a lot of discussion, we had the line on a lot of things which is great and also the Highway department is operating on a barebones budget as it is and we called him and said we need you to cut \$50,000 more from your budget and he found it so Mr. Hughson's doing a great job doing the finances over there and also a good job doing the work and the same thing with our Police Chief as well, they're doing a fine job as well over there and thank you very much for what you do for the town and the residents.

Gary Flieger: I think that also, you keep singling out the police chief and the highway superintendent because they're here, but there are other department heads who cooperated just as well with this, all the departments did; the Assessor's Office, Building Department, all of them, the Judges, they looked, helped, looked at there for grants. We have to have a line of communications open throughout the whole building, every department, and that's how you do it so that each department can share a little bit; and I'd like to thank everybody, the board and all the department heads.

Gary Spears: Mr. Supervisor can we act on this budget now? Gary Flieger: I'm going to ask the accountant on that, should we do that tonight or should we wait until the changes are made? Rob Schultz: We have time and I really want to make that change first.

Motion to adjourn 8:00PM

Motion made by Gary Spears, 2nd by Viola Sinsabaugh, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Gary Spears and Gary Flieger

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk