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The Deerpark Monthly Update – October/November 2008

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The town board held a special meeting on November 19th for a final vote on the proposed 2009 budget. Lengthy discussion regarding tax increases and budget cuts had occurred in the previous two months including last minute arguments at this meeting. The final budget had minimal spending cuts and called for a 32-37% tax increase, depending on where you live. Town taxes on the average home assessed at \$100,000 will go up next year anywhere from \$460-490. In addition, town services will not be greatly affected. Supervisor Flieger, Councilwoman Sinsabaugh, and Councilman O'Neill voted to pass the budget as amended and I voted against it. The meeting was taped by a resident and will be shown on Channel 23 local access. I encourage everyone to tune in and watch this particular meeting. You may also view the minutes of the past meetings at www.townofdeerpark.org.

I want to thank the Recreation Committee for putting together a fine Halloween event at town hall. Everyone had a good time and the children's costumes were fantastic. I also want to thank the Deerpark Police Department for doing a fine job with their Halloween patrols.

Our Community Development Task Force is moving along nicely. We have had some new people express interest in joining the committee and all of the committee members have been contributing wonderful ideas. We are currently focusing on our current zoning and trying to identify hindrances and barriers that hurt current business and that may prevent potential business from locating in our town. In addition, our committee members will be getting involved in the local chamber and other economic development groups around the county to promote Deerpark.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and until next time, much health and happiness.