

TOWN OF WATEERTOWN
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 20, 2011

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

JOEL R. BARTLETT, SUPERVISOR – STEPHEN L. RICH, COUNCILMAN – PAUL V. DESORMO, COUNCILMAN – DAVID D. PROSSER, COUNCILMAN – EDWARD R. SMITH, COUNCILMAN

Councilman Desormo offered a prayer and Supervisor Bartlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked for a roll of members present. All members were present. Legal Counsel Joseph W. Russell was present.

Supervisor Bartlett opened the public hearing on proposed Local Law # 9 of the Year 2011 at 7:02 PM. A local law to override the tax levy limit established by Section 3-C of the New York General Municipal Law.

No one chose to speak on the proposed local law and Supervisor Bartlett closed the public hearing at 7:03 PM.

Supervisor Bartlett opened the public hearing on proposed Local Law # 10 of the Year 2011 at 7:04 PM. A local law to amend Chapter 107 of the Code of the Town of Watertown – Zoning as it relates to the Samaritan Assisted Living project.

No one chose to speak on the proposed local law and Supervisor Bartlett closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

Supervisor Bartlett opened the work session of the proposed 2012 Tentative Budget and asked if any member had any questions pertaining to the General Fund.

Questions and clarifications were discussed with no changes being requested.

Discussion on the need of replacing the fence at the Huntingtonville Cemetery was covered. Two estimates were received, both about \$24,000.00. The board discussed alternatives to a wrought iron fence. Highway Superintendent John Maguire was asked to look into alternatives and report back to the board.

There was conversation of the Highway Fund for 2012. Supervisor Bartlett said that he had discussion with Mr. Maguire on the purchase of a new pickup truck and a trash compactor for next year. Supervisor Bartlett stated that the board had approved a bond in 2008 in the amount of \$600,000.00. To date the town has spent \$450,000.00, therefore there are funds remaining in that bond authorization.

Supervisor Bartlett then asked if there were any questions, comments or changes to any of the Special District Budget items for 2012.

Being that there were no comments on any of the special district budget proposals, Supervisor Bartlett closed the work session.

MOTION # 122

Supervisor Called for a public hearing on the 2012 tentative budget, henceforth to be known as the preliminary budget which details all estimated appropriations and revenues for the Town of Watertown General Fund, Highway Fund, Water Districts no's 1,3,4,5 and 6, in addition to Sewer Districts No's 1,2,3,4,5 and 6. The public hearing to be held on November 10, 2011 regular meeting at the Town Municipal Offices 22867 Cop. Rt. 67, at 7:00 PM.

The resolution was seconded by Councilman Rich.

Ayes All

Supervisor Bartlett commented that as a result of the County Planning Board recommendation, the town zoning law needs to be changed to allow for the facility being constructed on the Lundy property.

Supervisor Bartlett opened the floor for public comment. No one chose to speak and the floor was closed.

MOTION # 123

Councilman Prosser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Desormo.

Ayes All

Catherine M. Rich, Town Clerk