

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 30, 2007 - 5:00 PM  
TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Reagon at 5:00 p.m.

Salute to the Flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits were pointed out by the Supervisor.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Perotti	Present
Councilman Euvrard	Present
Councilwoman Doyle	Present
Councilman Russell	Present
Supervisor Reagon	Present

TOWN HALL IS POLITICS-FREE

Supervisor Reagon reminded everyone that Town Hall is a politics-free zone. Likewise, channel 22 cannot be used for political purposes. It was decided that Town Hall would be open and staff would work on election day.

BUDGET SCHEDULE

Supervisor Reagon announced the budget preparation schedule:

Nov. 2 - preliminary budget must be done.

Nov. 8 - 7:00 public hearing on Preliminary Budget.

TAX OVERVIEW

Supervisor Reagon explained the "big picture" regarding taxes paid by the residents of Amenia. Of total tax dollars paid, the approximate breakdown is:

70% goes to school district;

15% goes to the County;

3% goes to special districts (fire, lighting, water);

13% goes to the Town.

BUDGET WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Tentative Budget. With the help of the budget assistant Scott Beyer, the Town Board went over the budget line by line. Some of the items discussed were: estimated fund balance should be in the Tentative Budget (why is it not there?), Recreation savings account was intended for capital improvements and equipment and should be used to reimburse the general fund (for playground expenses), town employee salary increases should be compared to the Bureau of Labor Statistics cost of living value of 3.3%, state workers are getting 3% increase, Justice Clerks requested more hours, Fixed Asset Inventory has not been done for 14 years, Attorney to the Town has requested an increase, amount of bonding for the Tax Collector and deputy should be increased to \$1 million according to the NYS Comptroller audit report, Town Hall rent at \$30,388 for 2008, C.T.Male (landfill contractor) has not been paid since March awaiting state approval for payment, Mechanic Street Sidewalk Project could be bonded out over 20 years or we could get a 5-year loan, a new budget line item has been created to consolidate all flood expenses, per-diem Constable salary is \$15 per hour expecting about 15-20 hours per month, Summer Recreation Director made \$6,000 in 2007, Summer Rec program served 42

children and cost about \$40,000, Transfer Station metal collected in 2007 produced about \$5,000 income, retirement plan must be offered to part-time employees, Town Board resolution in 2004 stated that one half of cell tower revenue would go to recreation, FEMA check expected for \$51,727 for flood-related expenses, and other issues.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was unanimous at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Hermosilla,  
Amenia Town Clerk

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