

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
 Frank Hill Councilman
 Robert Olson Councilman
 Joseph Dooris Councilman
Absent: Kenneth Higgins Councilman
Krista Wood Town Clerk
Also: HS Paul Smith, Jane Smith, Bill McGhie, Harry Balz.

Supervisor Bentley opened the public hearing at 6:00 PM and announced that the 2011 Budget as proposed has an increase in taxes of .007% which would mean on a \$100,000 assessment an additional \$0.70 of taxes.

Councilman Dooris asked for clarification on the Tax Collector code in terms of why the salary is paid throughout the year and not solely for the three months in which collection takes place. Supervisor Bentley explained that it has always been spread over the course of the year. He further explained that in terms of the workload, the collection takes place over three months and there are many calls and inquiries that are fielded throughout the remainder of the year.

Councilman Olson asked for clarification on the amount being given to the North Warren Chamber of Commerce. He stated that it was his understanding that the total allotment for the Chamber would be reduced by \$2500.00 because the Chamber would not be handling the advertising for Horicon Day 2011. Instead the advertising for Horicon Day would be handled in house.

Councilman Dooris inquired as to whether or not there was enough money in Buildings and Grounds to paint the playground equipment in Adirondack.

Jane Smith asked if the money was in the Budget for the steward at the Boat Launch to check the boats for milfoil. Supervisor Bentley stated that it was included.

Harry Balz expressed his appreciation to the Board for the excellent job they did in holding the bottom line in light of the major increases in such things as health insurance and other costs.

Councilman Olson asked if a Fund Balance had been declared. Supervisor Bentley confirmed that it had and the amount being declared is \$408,556.00 which will be applied towards 2011 Appropriations.

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 6:30PM
The following Resolution was then introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 134 OF 2010

Messrs. Hill and Olson introduced Res. No. 134 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2011 HORICON BUDGET

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 28, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center on the Preliminary Budget for the year 2011, AND

WHEREAS, comments were invited from the public either for or against said budget,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget, as amended, will be the adopted budget for 2011, with the General Fund Appropriations of \$1,910,394.00 less anticipated revenues of \$1,501,838.00 and an unexpended balance of \$258,556.00 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$-0-. Total Highway Fund Appropriations of \$1,253,635.00 less anticipated revenues of \$796,461.00 and an unexpended balance of \$150,000.00 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes of \$457,174.00 and a total budget of \$3,164,029.00, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the amount for the Horicon Fire District is \$217,973.00 to be raised by taxes and the Schroon Lake Park District is \$35,000.00.

As a follow up to the discussion at the October 21st meeting regarding the North Warren Emergency Squad, Councilman Olson stated that he had met with Lisa Fish. He explained to her that it was his understanding that the Board had made the decision to hold payment until it could be determined whether or not the Squad was in compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Councilman Olson said that he explained to Lisa Fish that in order to clarify this issue the Board's Counsel was in need of more current information and asked her to provide the information. He stated that she refused to provide the information and instead suggested Councilman Olson should have the Board's attorney contact the Squad's attorney. Further he advised her that the Board had requested he and Councilman Dooris meet with the Squad in an effort to rectify the issues at hand. Councilman Olson advised the Board that her response to this was that the NW EMS would not meet with Councilman Dooris and Councilman Olson as a Committee. Further discussion ensued and the Board decided to pursue researching what options they have.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Dooris, all ayes.

Adjourn...

There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk