

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Wallkill on October 28, 2009 at 7:25pm at Wallkill Town Hall 99 Tower Drive Middletown NY. Members present were Supervisor Ward, Councilman King, Councilman Valentin, Councilman Mulqueen and Councilwoman Neighmond.

The clerk read the following notice:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget of the Town of Wallkill for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at 99 Tower Drive, Middletown, New York 10941, where it is available for inspection.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the preliminary budget contains the following proposed salaries for elected Tiu010own officials:

Supervisor	\$69,177.83
Town Clerk	\$58,000.00
Town Council-members	\$12,375.86
Town Justice	\$38,000.00
Receiver of Taxes	\$24,000.00

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Wallkill on October 28, 2009, at 7:25 p.m. at Wallkill Town Hall regarding the review and consideration of the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2010.

Any resident of the Town of Wallkill is entitled to be heard concerning the preliminary budget at such public hearing. Copies of the preliminary budget are available for review at: Wallkill Town Hall 99 Tower Drive – Bldg. A Middletown, NY 10941

The Town of Wallkill will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WALLKILL.

Mr. Ward: the public may speak to the issue of the 2010 budget only.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

E. Schwartz Salaries, unemployment issue, information not on website, health care benefits, vehicle usage.

Mr. Ward The amount for the summer program has been reduced. 500,000.00 more in revenue line.

Mr. Valentin The Figures for the Boys and Girls club have been separated out.

E. Schwartz Worried about the youth this summer. Walmart seems to be the only people making money.

M. Guida Have you given any thoughts to the fact that the revenue may be less this year. There may be less revenue from the Court fees.

R. Stumpp Trip Sheets, ask employee contribution towards benefits. Cell phones, reduce the number of vehicles.

Mr. Valentin Trip sheets would have to be done through policy.

Mr. Leider What is the reduction in the workers compensation line about? There is also a reduction in the hospitalization line.

Mr. Saler there is a reduction in the amount of employees covered.

Mr. Leider Fines and Bail line item. Mortgage tax reduction. How will the 2.5 million loan be paid back?

Mr. Ward Revenue Anticipation Note.

Mr. Card Were there budget meetings?, is this budget the best you could do. Will you vote this evening on this budget. This could be an exercise in futility. How many kids attend the day camp?

Mr. Ward Projected numbers, may be a conservative estimate.

Mr. Mulqueen There were 504 campers, 399 from Town of Wallkill, 109 Out of Town campers.

Mr. Valentin Has the numbers for the camp.

Mr. Card Police contract is not complete. Top ten earners in the Town are Police. Have you really scrutinized this budget.

Mr. Valentin Discusses the policy in place right now as far as tracking vehicles, there is a way that we follow mileage and fuel consumption.

Mr. Card That should have been discussed earlier, may have satisfied Mr. Stumpp.

D. Tulp Have you reached out to the public for maybe a donation from businesses towards camp or for Town projects or researching grants.

Mr. King Explains the PDR program.

D. Tulp York Road Bridge, when will this project will be completed. Planner when will they be finished. Stipends and benefit questions.

Mr. King The State recommends that the Master Plan be updated every 5 years and ours was not done in 20 years.

Mr. Mulqueen Council persons work all different hours.

B. Srigley Questions regarding the Tax rate. How do seniors handle these increases budget amounts should be in line with inflation rate Stock car racing in Mechanics town.

Mr. Ward Revenues, mortgage tax, sales tax all fluctuate. The Taxes also include School those never seem to go down. Racing addressed several years ago, fans want ity there.

Ms. Neighmond The races do contribute to the local economy.

R. Carr Attended a budget meeting was glad to attend. Interfund transfers, sale of gas, where is that indicated? Seems to be a 2 million dollar hole. If the sale of the old Town Hall is in there it should be in the budget. In house legal staff

D. Depew County Tax rate is decreasing this year. No decrease in anticipated revenue. Increase in mortgage tax. Will the borrowing from the Water fund continue Critical of his 10 % increase statement. The county sales tax is based on per capita not on retail outlets. Upset to find that the Tuesday meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Valentin We take our roll seriously, you know the budget process better than most.

J. Farnell Park and Ride at exit 119 fees, master plan review monies, bulk pick up.

Mr. Ward There will be no bulk pickup.

E. Schwartz Is the budget reviewed periodically, tax breaks to new home owners.

D. Depew Worked long hours on budgets. Not happy with the financing.

Mr. King Not happy with the Shoprite building. Work session cancelled notified by phone.

Mr. Valentin There has been much work on the budget.

Mr. Ward Hopes to take all the input and continue to work on the budget. Thanks for all the input from the public.

Motion by Mr. Ward to adjourn at 9:40pm
Seconded By Mr. King

All In Favor

Meeting Adjourned.

Louisa Ingrassia
Town Clerk