

Special Tentative Budget Meeting
October 2, 2012

Members Present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Gabaccia, Councilperson Miller-Simmons, Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and Councilperson Mettler.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Public that there is not any public comment during this meeting, there will be a Public Hearing held in November on the proposed 2013 budget.

Supervisor Nayer presented the tentative 2013 Budget to the Board and Department Heads commented on there Department Requests.

Code Enforcement Officer Ferratto asked that the Board to reconsider his request for a part-time secretary.

Chairperson Becker, Copake Planning Board asked the Board to keep the maintenance agreement for the GIS software in the budget and asked the status of the Farm Grant?

Councilperson Winchell- Sweeney explained that once the maintenance contract was stopped the Town would have to purchase a new software package. Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney added that what the Town will be using the GIS software for, the business model software is changing anyway and there are subscription services. We should leave the money in the budget.

Supervisor Nayer advised the Board that the Town of Copake has been offered a grant for \$25,000.00 for our Farm and Agricultural Protection Plan which we will have to accept at the October Board Meeting if the Town Board is in favor of this grant. If the Board agrees to accept this grant \$25,000.00 will be added to a 3000 code on the revenue side of the budget and \$26,650.00 on the appropriation side of the Budget which will represent the Town's contribution of \$1,665.00.

Supervisor Nayer ended the presentation and asked the Board to consider adopting this tentative budget with addition of the Farm and Agricultural Grant changes.

Councilperson Gabaccia stated that she was not comfortable in proceeding fashion. Councilperson Gabaccia felt there are a couple of areas that the Board needs to discuss. That being said Councilperson Gabaccia stated that for her the problem areas are the Justice Court and the Code Enforcement Officer's funding and that she is not prepared to just pass this and would just as soon work on these areas at another meeting and if they are amended that becomes the preliminary budget.

Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney agreed with Councilperson Gabaccia since we have talked about this budget, they she did not feel well informed and feels she can be better informed, she had spoken to the Court but did not know about the Code Enforcement Officer's request for a secretary. Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney has spoken to both Justices, the full time clerk and the deputy clerk. There are a few things that need to happen first before that salary can be reduced and that position can be reduced. We do have a local law, so I don't think we can adopt the budget tonight.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons stated that she understood what the C.E.O. is requesting as this is a new position she would like to give it year to see how it goes. Councilperson Miller-Simmons stated that she was comfortable with the decisions made about the court; she has also spoken to several members in the Court and a lot of people in the Town and is comfortable with the way the Supervisor prepared that fund.

Councilperson Mettler stated that she felt that this budget reflected a lot of work and a lot of care and some good decision. In terms of issues of the Justice Court and the secretarial position for the C.E.O., at this point she is comfortable with the budget the way it stands. With regards to the secretarial position, she felt that we should way for a year and make sure that the Deputy that comes on has a lot of computer experience and at the end of twelve months if the C.E.O. still feels that a secretary is needed, she would be open to it. With regards to the Justice's Court Councilperson Mettler stated that she has given a lot of thought to this matter. It is not about the individuals involved or their work because that is not the question and I know they are good from personal experience. Councilperson Mettler's concern is simply the numbers and I guess we are still waiting on some, but this not a question of revenue that is not what the court is about. That said what she understands that the work load has decreased drastically and that is what drives the decision of the hours involved. With that being said, Councilperson Mettler would not preclude further conversation between the Board Members and has no objection to proceeding with a workshop.

Supervisor Nayer stated that he would move to adopt this budget today. We have two very dedicated hard working court clerks, we don't want anyone to think anything different. When Supervisor Nayer spoke to Judge Spencer they were over 40% down in their case loads and the work is just not there.

The Board discussed available dates to schedule a budget work shop and agreed on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to authorize Supervisor Nayer to make the following budget transfers:

From	
A1990---Contingency	\$5000.00
A3120.4—Police contractual	\$2871.00
A3120.2—Police Equipment	\$4500.00

A3120.1—Police Salaries	\$13879.00
A8011.1—ZEO salary	\$4025.00
	\$30275.00

To

A1110.44---Courts	\$1000.00
A1320.4---Auditor	\$14500.00
A3620.110 CEO salary	\$4025.00
A8010.14--ZBA Secretary	\$1000.00
A9055.8—Disability	\$500.00
A9060.8---Emp. Benefits	\$9250.00
	\$30275.00

From

DA5142.4—Snow removal	\$3331.40
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To

DA9710.7—Loan interest	\$68.40
DA9060.8—Emp. Benefits	\$3263.00
	\$3331.40

Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,