

DECEMBER 6, 2012 – PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes of a public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Somers held on Thursday evening December 6, 2012 at 7:55 PM at the Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, New York.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supervisor Mary Beth Murphy
 Councilman Richard A. Benedict
 Councilman Richard G. Clinchy
 Councilman Frederick J. Morrissey

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas A. Garrity, Jr.

Also present were Kathleen R. Pacella, Town Clerk, Patricia Kalba, Deputy Town Clerk and Roland A. Baroni, Jr., Town Attorney.

The Supervisor said that this was a public hearing on the 2013 Preliminary Budget.

The Town Clerk presented affidavit of public notice of the public hearing that appeared in the Journal News on November 27, 2012 and posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board the same day.

The Supervisor presented two charts to the Board and the public. She explained that the first showed the percentage of the real property taxes that were Town related and the second chart broke out where the Town taxes were being spent. She said that the budget was under the 2% tax cap at a 1.8% increase in the Tax Levy.

Councilman Clinchy asked if the Supervisor knew how their budget compared to other Towns. The Supervisor said that from the Police prospective the budget was less because Somers had a Part-time Police Force where other Towns had a Full-time Force. She said that in terms of total expenditures Somers compared very well. She said that she had seen numerous studies that showed that Somers was the lowest. The Supervisor said that they all should be credited for maintaining that.

The Supervisor said that with this budget there were no big surprises, no unusual occurrences from last year. She explained that the major areas that drove the budget were health and pension costs. She said that it allowed for several new vehicles in several Departments and there were no layoffs in the budget.

The Supervisor declared the hearing opened and asked for comments from the public.

There being no one to be heard on motion of Supervisor Murphy, seconded by Councilman Morrissey, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:00 PM.

Town Clerk