

DECEMBER 6, 2012 – WORK SESSION

Minutes of a work session of the Town Board of the Town of Somers held on Thursday evening December 6, 2012 at 7:00 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 it was in order for the Board to enter into an executive session with regard to collective bargaining, personnel and litigation matters.

Thereupon motion of Supervisor Murphy, seconded by Councilman Morrissey, the meeting was adjourned to an executive session with regard to collective bargaining, personnel and litigation matters at 7:00 PM to return that evening.

7:50 PM – meeting reconvened

The Supervisor said that it was in order to open a public hearing with regard to the 2013 Preliminary Budget.

7:55 PM – hearing opened
8:00 PM – meeting reconvened

The Supervisor said that she was going to put the budget on the regular meeting agenda next week for adoption. She said that she wanted to point out that they found an error on the Police budget with regard to the Sergeant salary which they were going to adjust and they were going to look for any typos that needed to be corrected.

Councilman Clinchy said that this was a difficult time to have a new budget and everyone had things that they wanted to do. He continued that it was in the newspaper that many Towns were having issues staying under the tax levy cap. He said that Somers was doing what they could to stay under the cap but the State needed to address the legitimate concerns that Towns have.

The Supervisor said that the Board worked very hard with the process and this was a great team effort. She thanked them for all of their work in the process. Councilman Morrissey said the fact that they began the budget process well in advance was helpful because they could take the time they needed to discuss the budget. The Supervisor said that the new system seemed to be working well so they were going to continue to use it.

This being a work session no action was taken.

Thereupon motion of Supervisor Murphy, seconded by Councilman Clinchy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Town Clerk