

Special Meeting of the LaGrange Town Board

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- Adopt 2011 Final Town Budget

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
TOWN OF LA GRANGE**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2010**

Present: Supervisor Jon Wagner
Councilman Steve O'Hare
Councilman Gary Beck
Councilman Joseph Luna
Councilman Ed Jessup

Recording Secretary: Christine O'Reilly-Rao

Others Present: Christine Toussaint, Comptroller

A special meeting of the Town Board was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at the LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road. Supervisor Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wagner stated that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt the 2011 budget. He stated that there were no significant changes since the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget was held on October 27th. There was a 5 % spending increase due to an increase in costs for retirement benefits and medical insurance premiums.

The Library Budget will not be reduced and will remain at \$599,280.

He also stated that the Board was in receipt of the 2011 Fire District Budget, which was not the multi-page document with line items that they had received in the past. It had been certified by the Fire District Secretary and signed by the Fire Commissioners.

Mr. Wagner had sent a letter to Fire Commissioner Hines regarding this since he didn't know if the lack of itemization would be problematic for the County in collecting taxes. Today, we received some additional cover pages supporting the original one page document which attested that the attached document was the Fire District Budget for 2011. The documents received will be attached to the Town 2011 Budget and sent to the County.

The total appropriations for the Fire District will be \$5,864,356.

The total estimated revenues will be \$35,000.

The total estimated prior year's unexpended balance is \$884,023.

The budget to be raised by Real Estate Taxes is \$4,945,333.

The rate per thousand of assessed valuation for tax bills on January 1st is \$2.38.

Councilman Luna made a motion to accept the 2011 Budget, seconded by Councilman Beck. (SEE ADDENDUM)

A roll call was taken as follows:

Councilman Beck AYE
Councilman Jessup AYE
Supervisor Wagner AYE
Councilman Luna AYE
Councilman O'Hare AYE

The 2011 Budget was duly adopted.

Councilman Jessup moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Beck and carried by all at 7:07 p.m.

Councilman Luna, seconded by Councilman Jessup moved to re-open the meeting to allow for Public Comment. The motion carried unanimously.

Alison Withers of the LaGrange Library Trustees addressed the Board. She thanked the Board for leaving the library budget intact, but added that the library would be reducing hours, personnel and services.

Due to ongoing budgetary constraints, Supervisor Wagner replied that the Town had to institute fees for baseball and soccer programs in order to keep part-time parks and recreation employees from being laid off. In addition, two highway positions remain unfilled at this time.

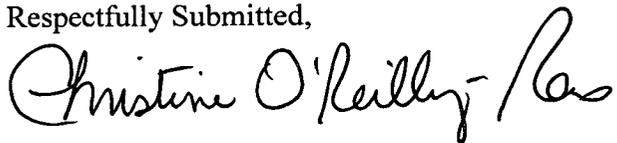
There were no other comments.

Councilman Luna moved to close the Public Comment, seconded by Councilman Jessup and carried by all.

Councilman O'Hare moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Beck and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine O'Reilly-Rao
Town Clerk

ADDENDUM

- 2011 Budget (Including Fire District) - Available in the Town Clerk's Office