

September 26, 2011

A special budget work session of the Lockport Town Board was conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2011, at the Lockport town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, New York.

Present were: Supervisor: Marc R. Smith

Council members: Cheryl A. Antkowiak
Paul H. Pettit
Mark C. Crocker
Paul W. Siejak

Also present: Town Clerk, Nancy A. Brooks; Daniel E. Seaman, Town Attorney; and Kate Carter, Town Budget Officer.

Supervisor Smith welcomed those present and opened the work session for review of the 2012 Town Budget changes that were requested at the previous work session on September 19, 2011. Kate Carter presented hard copies of the various changes to each Board member and to the press representatives that were present.

Supervisor Smith began by stating that for 2012 budgetary purposes, he and the Budget officer utilized Wendel engineer's report providing County wide water rates as compared to the Town's current water rates; which also listed various scenarios and recommendations as to what increase, if any, might be suggested to be passed on to residents in 2012. He stated that the Town's water rates have not changed in several years; that the Water Fund balance has been depleting over the last few years and that in order to protect that fund balance in case of infrastructure repair or water line installation, a slight increase should be anticipated for implementation in the 2012 Town budget. The estimated increase, if passed by Town Board action, would take the average water bill of \$110/year in 2011 up to an average of \$136/year for the average household.

The Board then went on to discuss each of the changes that were requested from the previous work session. The 2012 salaries and stipends were discussed. There were changes in salaries, based on a 2% increase across the board. Stipends for all but the Bingo Inspector and the Tax Collector were eliminated with those monies being placed into the base salary of the person receiving those stipends.

No new or additional changes were requested by the Town Board members.

Supervisor Smith stated that the 2012 Tentative budget with the requested changes, would provide an overall decrease of \$36.37 per average household but that the increase of \$26/year for a possible water rate increase would then take the overall decrease down to approx. \$10 for the average household.

Councilman Crocker stated that the budget with changes would be the eighth year in a row that the Lockport Town Board has tried to bring a zero based budget to the residents. Councilman Siejak congratulated the Budget officers and the Town Board for the good job that they had done in keeping costs down and resulting in no "Town" tax being passed onto residents.

MOTION (2011-208): to approve the 2012 Tentative Budget with changes as the 2012 Preliminary Town Budget was made by Council member Crocker, seconded by Council member Antkowiak. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

MOTION (2011-209): to adjourn was made by Council member Siejak, seconded by Council member Pettit. The motion was CARRIED: AYES - 5, NAYS - 0. Voting AYE: Antkowiak, Pettit, Crocker, Siejak and Smith.

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The meeting was ended at 2:30 p.m. The Lockport Town Board will next meet at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Brooks, RMC, CMC
Lockport Town Clerk