

PUBLIC HEARING

December 14, 2016

At 7:56 p.m., Supervisor Schiliro reconvened the Public Hearing which was adjourned on November 30, 2016 to consider the 2017 Preliminary Town and Special Districts Budgets.

The Town Clerk noted that a memo from Town Administrator Joan Goldberg, dated December 9, 2016, was received since the public hearing was opened on November 30, 2016.

Town Administrator Joan Goldberg reviewed the two proposed changes to the budget. Ms. Goldberg said there was a budget shortfall in anticipated expenses for 2017 for a specific conference line. Due to the savings in the insurance line, she asked that the insurance line be lowered and the conference line be increased by \$1,000. Ms. Goldberg said that Sani-Pro Disposal Services had allowed the Town not to budget the 2016 increase in the contract, so the Town has been paying the 2015 refuse rate. Due to business reasons, Sani Pro cannot continue to maintain this rate. She said Sani Pro is the bid winner is entitled to the 2017 rate which is about \$20,000 differential on an \$850,000 contract. Ms. Goldberg asked for the additional insurance savings in the amount of \$20,000 to be moved to the refuse contract.

In response to query from Supervisor Schiliro, Ms. Goldberg said that the tax rate could decrease slightly. She said there is an additional adjustment to be made if the insurance is lowered and the tax levy is lowered which would decrease the tax rate from 1.71% to 1.69%. In response to a query from Councilman Berra, Ms. Goldberg said it would be a total decrease of just under \$4,000.

Supervisor Schiliro said he had no issue with the proposed changes. Councilman Berra and Councilman D'Angelo expressed support for the decrease in the tax rate.

Supervisor Schiliro said it is a very good budget and the Town should have positive variance of \$500,000 or more, and it looks to put these savings to capital improvements, particularly road paving. Mr. Schiliro said that revenue from sales tax is about the budgeted amount and the revenue from mortgage tax is up slightly.

All Town Board members thanked Town Administrator Goldberg for her work on the budget.

Councilman Reiter thanked Supervisor Schiliro for his work and guidance.

In response to a query from Susan Shimer, Supervisor Schiliro said the changes to the insurance would be discussed as an agenda item at tonight's meeting.

Supervisor Schiliro thanked all employees and Department Heads for their hard work and said that all offices function at excellent levels. Ms. Schiliro commended Administrator Goldberg for the expertise on the budget and her knowledge of the tax cap; and he thanked Ms. Goldberg and Finance Office staff.

After all persons were heard who desired to be heard, Councilman D'Angelo moved, seconded by Councilman DiGiacinto, that the Public Hearing be closed at 8:06 pm.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen D'Angelo, DiGiacinto, Reiter, Berra, Supervisor Schiliro

Noes: None

Councilman D'Angelo moved, seconded by Councilman Berra, adoption of the 2017 Town Budget and 2017 Special Districts Budgets to include the itemized amendments as listed below.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen D'Angelo, DiGiacinto, Reiter, Berra, Supervisor Schiliro

Noes: None

Town Board Minutes
December 14, 2016

Increase
A 8020.441 Planning Department Professional Education & Seminars \$1,000
Decrease
A 1910.420 Insurance (\$1,000)
Allow funding for Planning Director to attend Association of Towns training session/conference.

Increase
A 8160.432.19 Contractual Refuse Collection \$20,000
Decrease
A 1910.420 Insurance (\$20,000)
Allow funding for contractual increase for Refuse Contractor.

Decrease
A 1000.1001 Property Taxes (\$3,800)
Decrease
A 3120.420 Insurance (\$3,800)
Lower the tax levy.

Alison Simon, Town Clerk

Dated: January 6, 2016