

Regular meeting held by the Town Board,
Town of Yorktown on November 28, 2007 held at
Yorktown Town Hall, Yorktown Heights, NY

Present: Alice E. Roker, Supervisor
James Martorano, Councilman
Nicholas Bianco, Councilman
Matthew Metz, Councilman
Louis Campisi, Councilman
Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Alice E. Roker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2008 BUDGET HEARING

Several Town Department Heads attended this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Roker called to order a public hearing relating to the preliminary budget of the Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2008.

Supervisor Alice Roker gave a presentation for the 2008 budget. She stated that the Town of Yorktown is entering into a new era for 2008 by proposing a consolidated labor work force in an effort to streamline operations and reduce the tax burden on homeowners. In order to achieve tax savings, three vacant positions will remain unfilled and unfunded in this experimental trial. The Fiscal Year 2008 Preliminary Budget totals \$49,496,770. The General, Highway and Library rate would increase by 3.31 percent.

Comptroller Joan Goldberg stated that it was very exciting to put this budget together, all departments collaborated and this is what allowed for the consolidation of the labor force. Comptroller Goldberg gave the 2008 preliminary budget summary.

Mr. Ciffone asked why there was not a greater difference between the tentative and preliminary budget.

Mr. Kaufman asked about overtime.

Ms. Seigel asked about a personnel issue. Supervisor Roker explained that the Board cannot discuss personnel issues with regard to particular individuals.

Mr. Ciffone asked about not-for-profits because they do not pay taxes.

Assessor Robert Killeen stated that there is a specific criteria and if that not-for-profit meets that criteria they are exempt from certain taxes. However, they do have to pay for capital projects.

Mr. Ciffone asked when the Shadow Creek Golf Course which the Town just acquired will come of the tax rolls.

Assessor Robert Killeen explained that the Westchester County Charter requires the Town to levy on the prior year's tax rolls.

Mr. Kaufman asked why there is a line for a bingo inspector and can that line be cut. Supervisor Roker explained that the law requires the Town to have a bingo inspector and it is their responsibility to attend all bingo games being conducted in the Town of Yorktown.

Highway Superintendent Eric DiBartolo explained that by creating a Department of Public Works, the Town can have one central labor force which will allow for more flexibility and reduce overtime.

Mr. Donovan asked if there was a reduction in the use of on and off duty vehicles. Supervisor Roker explained that there are less vehicles being driven home but the same amount of vehicles are in use for town business.

Mr. Grasso complemented Supervisor Roker and Comptroller Goldberg on the budget.

The Board thanked the residents for their comments.

All those present and being given the opportunity to be heard and there being no further discussion the hearing was closed. Councilman Campisi motioned, seconded by Councilman Martorano.

ADOPT 2008 BUDGET
RESOLUTION #446

Upon motion made by Councilman Campisi, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

WHEREAS, Supervisor Alice E. Roker, acting as Budget Officer, did on the 30th day of October, 2007 filed her tentative budget with the Town Clerk and the Town Board for its review, and

WHEREAS, upon completion of its review and modification of the tentative budget, the Town Board filed its preliminary budget of the estimated revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2008, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was called and duly held on the 28th day of November , 2007, at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, NY at which time and place the Yorktown Town Board did meet and review such preliminary budget as compiled, and accepted public comment for or against any item contained therein, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown does hereby adopt such preliminary budget and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said preliminary budget as adopted by this resolution be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board and it shall be known

as the Annual Budget of the Town of Yorktown for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of January, 2008, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the several sums estimated for expenditures in the same annual budget as adopted are hereby appropriated in the amounts for the purposes therein specified, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the several sums therein estimated as anticipated revenues and the monies necessary to be raised by tax and assessments in addition thereto, to pay the expenses of conducting the business of the Town for the purposes contemplated by the Town Law and otherwise by law, shall be and become applicable in the amounts therein named for the purposes of meeting such appropriations.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law that the following are adopted yearly salaries of Town Officers of this Town, to wit:

Supervisor - \$112,095.00

Councilman (4) - \$18,085.00

Town Clerk - \$81,497.00

Superintendent of Highways - \$125,000.00

Town Justice - \$28,935.00

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll-call which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Alice E. Roker	Voting	Aye
Councilman James J. Martorano	Voting	Aye
Councilman Matthew P. Metz	Voting	Aye
Councilman Nicholas J. Bianco	Voting	Aye
Councilman Louis J. Campisi	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

ADJOURN

Councilman Campisi moved, seconded by Councilman Martorano, to adjourn the Town Board Budget Hearing.

Diana L. Quast
Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown