

PUBLIC HEARING

Nov. 3, 1944

Town Clerk's Office

7:00 P.M.

Present: Mr. Schmersahl

Mr. Eberling

Mr. Dickenman

Mr. Blauvelt

Mr. Blauvelt opened the hearing and said that it was being held for the purpose of considering the 1945 proposed budget of the Town. He said that the Board was present to listen to anyone who wished to speak either for or against the budget and to answer any questions that any person might wish to ask.

Mr. Dickenman said that he objected to certain items in the budget, especially the salary increases. He pointed out that in 1943, requests were made for salary increases, and at that time he made a statement he would not vote for more than 15% increases. He had not expected that the people who received a 15% increase last year would ask for an increase this year. He pointed out that the Civil Service Commission had recommended that county employees receiving a salary of \$2000. be granted a 10% increase, and those receiving over \$2000. receive a 7 1/2 increase. He said that he could not vote for anything beyond a 15% increase. Mr. Dickenman said that the taxpayers are already very heavily burdened with a staggering national debt, and that he felt the budget should be held down as low as possible. Mr. Dickenman then gave the assessed valuation of the five townships in the County. He concluded his remarks by stating that he believed it the duty of every Councilman to discharge his duties and give the people an economic government. He said if the taxpayers feel he is wrong, then he is willing to abide by their decision.

Mr. Meeks said he would like to make a few remarks, although he was not a taxpayer. He said that this year the rate for School taxes in Congers is \$2.925 per hundred of valuation. He said he felt that if the Board wants to do anything, he would suggest that they raise everybody 15% and let it go at that. He said that if public officials would accept a 15% increase, they would be doing pretty well.

Mr. Martin said he felt that those people who received a 15% increase last year should be skipped this year.

Mr. Blauvelt told those present that there were raises granted during the years he has been Supervisor, but that last year was the first time he had received a salary increase and that was \$225. He said that the budget now being considered is just a preliminary budget, and as far as he is concerned he would be glad to have his raise disregarded.

Mr. Marshall then inquired if under the wage stabilization plan, it was legal to raise salaries more than 15%.

Mr. Blauvelt said that he understood that it was legal to make such increases, and that the Town Board must determine the amount of increase to be allowed.

Mr. Muller, a Lederle employee, told the Board that the employees of this company were not receiving any increases in pay. He pointed out that they are taxpayers too, and that under these circumstances he felt the Board had a duty to keep the budget down as low as possible.

Mr. Dillon told the Board that every one of the gentlemen present were his friends, and if they don't think he should have a raise, it was all right by him and that there were no hard feelings. He said he felt the job was worth \$1500. whether he held the office or not. He said he was proud to be a Justice, and that he has always tried hard to raise his office to the highest level possible. He said his office was almost self-supporting, as he has turned in almost enough to cover his salary.

Mr. Dickenman told Mr. Dillon that he was never under the impression that the Justices were not entitled to a raise. He said he was willing that he should have a 15% raise, as he didn't ask for one last year.

Mr. Schmersahl then said he would make a motion that if the Justices and Supervisor weren't entitled to a raise, that no raises be given to anyone.

Mr. Martin then said he felt the Justices should have a raise.

Mr. Blauvelt pointed out that any motion would have to be made after the public hearing was terminated and the Board met in special meeting.

Mr. Muller said he felt that anyone who had a raise last year shouldn't get one this year.

Mr. DeBoyace asked if the Councilmen had ever asked for a raise, and Mr. Blauvelt informed him they never had.

Mr. DeBoyace said he felt that the higher paid officials should not ask for another raise, but he indicated he felt the Justices should get a 15% raise.

Mr. Meeks said he felt that the officials were satisfied with their salary when seeking office, and therefore they should not ask for large salary increases.

Mr. Blauvelt then said that he enjoyed his work as Supervisor, and that if the people felt he wasn't entitled to a raise, then he was perfectly willing to go along with them.

There being no other people present, who wished to speak, on motion of Mr. Schmersahl, seconded by Mr. Eberling and carried the meeting was declared closed.

Meeting closed at 8:15 P.M.



Town Clerk of Clarkstown

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 3rd, 1944

Town Clerk's Office

8:00 P.M.

- Present: Mr. Schmersahl
- Mr. Eberling
- Mr. Dickenman
- Mr. Blauvelt

Mr. Blauvelt called the meeting to order and told the Board that since a public hearing had been held on the budget pursuant to law, the Board members could now consider the adoption of the Budget.

Mr. Schmersahl moved that inasmuch as no raise is being granted to the Supervisor and Justices of the Peace that no raises be granted to other town officials or employees.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling	Vote: Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Blauvelt	Yes

Mr. Eberling moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Dickenman:

WHEREAS, this Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the Preliminary Budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Clarkstown by the unanimous consent of the members thereof has decided to grant no salary increases, thus reducing the following items within the Annual Estimate as follows:-

				Reduction
SUPERVISOR	Salary	As Estimated	\$2000.	
		As Adopted	1725.	\$275.00
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	Salary	As Estimated	\$3000.	
		As Adopted	2400.	600.00
REC. OF TAXES	Clerk's Salary	As Estimated	\$1900.	
		As Adopted	1450.	450.00
HIGHWAY -ITEM #14	Salary of Supt. & use of personal auto	As Estimated	\$4200.	
		As Adopted	3900.	<u>300.00</u>
Total Reductions				\$ 1625.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Clarkstown does hereby adopt such Preliminary Budget as amended as the Annual Budget of this

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Town for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of January, 1945, and that such budget as so adopted be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of said Annual Budget as adopted by this Town Board together with the estimates, if any, adopted pursuant to Section 202-a, subd 2 of the Town Law, and deliver one copy thereof to the Supervisor of this Town to be presented by him to the Board of Supervisors of this County.

Vote: AYES	<u>ROSWELL P. BLAUVELT</u>	SUPERVISOR
	<u>FRED M. SCHMERSHAL</u>	COUNCILMAN
	<u>CHARLES EBERLING</u>	COUNCILMAN
	<u>JOHN DICKENMAN</u>	COUNCILMAN

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BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

GENERAL FUND -APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN BOARD

TOWN HALL& OFFICES

Rentals (board room, office, elections, etc.)	\$3,600.00	
Compensation of employees	408.00	
Purchase of furniture and equipment	500.00	
Repairs, light, heat and telephone	1,858.00	
Other expense	<u>198.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$6,564.00

ELECTIONS

Compensation of election officials (including mileage)	\$ 4,000.00	
Compensation of custodian of voting machines	200.00	
Voting machines, purchase and repair	125.00	
Other expense	<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 4,425.00

INSURANCE

Compensation insurance	\$ 1,500.00	
Official bonds and undertakings	300.00	
Fire and liability	<u>3,100.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$5,400.00

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING (ALL DEPARTMENTS)	2,110.00	2,110.00
SERVICES OF ATTORNEY AND EXPENSES OF LITIGATION	500.00	500.00
SERVICES OF ENGINEER AND EXPENSES	500.00	500.00

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ZONING INSPECTOR AND EXPENSES	1,225.00	\$1,225.00
EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TOWN SHARE)	9,800.00	9,800.00
<u>SUPERVISOR</u>		
Salary	1,725.00	
Compensation of employees	2,000.00	
Office and other expenses	<u>400.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 4,125.00
<u>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE</u>		
Salaries 2 @ \$1200.	\$ 2,400.00	
Compensation of employees	150.00	
Office and other expenses	<u>125.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 2,675.00
<u>COUNCILMAN</u>		
Salaries 4 @ \$480.	\$1,920.00	
Office and other expenses	<u>400.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 2,320.00
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>		
Salaries	\$2,400.00	
Compensation of employees	2,000.00	
Office and other expenses	<u>285.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 4,685.00
<u>ASSESSORS</u>		
Salaries 2 @ \$1100 - 1 @ \$1300.	\$ 3,500.00	
Compensation of employees	575.00	
Office and other expenses	<u>250.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 4,325.00
<u>RECEIVER OF TAXES</u>		
Salaries	\$ 3,000.00	
Compensation of employees - 1 regular \$1150 - 1 extra @ 300.	1,450.00	
Office and other expenses	<u>505.80</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 4,955.80
<u>TOWN ATTORNEY</u>		
Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	
TOTAL		\$ 1,200.00
<u>BOARD OF APPEALS</u>		
Compensation of employees	\$ 90.00	
Office and other expenses	25.00	
Public Hearings	<u>160.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 275.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
		\$ <u>55,084.80</u>
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
<u>POLICE</u>		
Compensation	\$ 14,900.00	
Mileage and other expenses	875.00	
Purchase of equipment	<u>1,915.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 17,690.00

FOREST FIRES

Payment to Conservation Commission \$100.00

TOTAL \$100.00

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY \$ 17,790.00

EDUCATION

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Compensation \$ 460.00

TOTAL \$ 460.00

TOWN HISTORIAN

Compensation \$ 200.00

TOTAL \$ 200.00

TOTAL EDUCATION \$ 670.00

RECREATION

PARKS

Compensation of employees \$150.00

TOTAL \$ 150.00

PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES

American Legion \$ 50.00
 Military Order of Purple Heart 50.00
 Veterans of Foreign Wars 50.00

TOTAL 150.00

TOTAL RECREATION \$ 300.00

PUBLIC UTILITIES

CEMETERIES

TOTAL 250.00

TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES 250.00

CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS

NATURE OF IMPROVEMENT

Town Hall \$ 300.00
 Acquisition of Land 500.00

TOTAL \$ 800.00

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS \$ 800.00

MISCELLANEOUS

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS FOR ROOMS

TOTAL 540.00

TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS 540.00

CONTINGENT PURPOSES (Section 112 of the Town Law) TOTAL \$ 500.00

TOWN POOR ITEMS

Institutional relief for children \$ 350.00
 Outdoor relief 5,300.00
 Non-resident relief 1,300.00
 Town charges at County Home 8,500.00
 Lunacy Charges 300.00

TOTAL \$ 15,750.00

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

Mortgage taxes	\$2,000.00
Franchise tax on business corporations (Art. 9a)	1,400.00
Income taxes	6,500.00
Beverage Taxes (Town share)	15,000.00
Dog Licenses	1,800.00
Licenses and Permits	1,000.00
Fines, penalties and forfeitures	650.00
Fees of Town Clerk	950.00
Fees of Justices of the Peace	500.00
Fees of Tax Collector	400.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES (GENERAL FUND)	\$30,200.00
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GENERAL FUND - SUMMARY

APPROPRIATIONS

General Government	55,084.80
Protection of Persons and Property	17,790.00
Education	670.00
Recreation	300.00
Public Utilities	250.00
Town Poor Items	15,750.00
Construction and Permanent Improvements	800.00
Miscellaneous	540.00
Contingent Purposes	500.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 91,684.80
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TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 30,200.00
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AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED FOR GENERAL FUND	\$ 61,484.80
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WELFARE FUND

TOWN WELFARE OFFICER

Salary	\$ 1,700.00
Office and other expenses	250.00
Compensation of employees	3,200.00

TOTAL	\$ 5,150.00
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<u>HOME RELIEF</u>	TOTAL	\$ 8,800.00
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<u>VETERANS RELIEF</u>	TOTAL	\$ 1,110.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 15,060.00
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ESTIMATED REVENUES

Reimbursement of home relief from State	\$2,960.00	
Reimbursement of welfare salaries from State	<u>1,280.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>\$4,240.00</u>

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR WELFARE FUND		<u>\$ 10,820.00</u>
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HIGHWAY FUND

HIGHWAY FUND (ITEM 1) APPROPRIATIONS

General repairs	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 60,000.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES

State aid	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>3,000.00</u>

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR HIGHWAY FUND (ITEM 1)		\$ 57,000.00
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BRIDGE FUND (ITEM 2) APPROPRIATIONS

Labor and team work	\$ 800.00	
Materials for repair and maintenance	<u>700.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 1,500.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES

TOTAL REVENUES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR HIGHWAY FUND (ITEM 2)		<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
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MACHINERY FUND (ITEM 3) APPROPRIATIONS

Purchase of machinery, tools and implements	\$ 5,000.00	
Repair of machinery, tools and implements	3,000.00	
Redemption of machinery certificates	2,000.00	
Interest on machinery certificates	<u>70.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 10,070.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES

TOTAL REVENUES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR HIGHWAY FUND (ITEM 3)		<u>\$ 10,070.00</u>
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SNOW AND MISCELLANEOUS FUND (ITEM 4) APPROPRIATIONS

Salary town superintendent & use of personal auto	\$ 3,900.00	
Expenses of town superintendent	130.00	
Salary and expenses of deputy superintendent	600.00	
Removing obstructions caused by snow	2,500.00	
Cutting and removing noxious weeds and brush	2,900.00	
Other miscellaneous purposes: lt, tel, heat, paints, lumber, etc.	<u>1,600.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 11,630.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES

TOTAL REVENUES

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR HIGHWAY
FUND (ITEM 4)

\$ 11,630.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR HIGHWAY FUNDS
(ITEMS 2, 3 and 4)

\$ 23,200.00

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Central Nyack Fire	\$ 1,400.00
Congers Fire	3,841.71
Moleston Fire	406.80
Nanuet Fire	3,700.00
New City Fire	2,500.00
Rockland Lake Fire	1,900.00
East Spring Valley Fire (R-7)	1,450.00
Valley Cottage Fire	2,000.00
West Nyack Fire	2,500.00
Central Nyack Lighting	1,188.00
Congers Lighting	3,630.00
Nanuet Lighting	4,483.00
New City Lighting	792.00
Rockland Lake Lighting	1,204.00
East Spring Valley Lighting (R-7)	968.00
Central Nyack Water	594.00
East Nanuet Water	270.00
Nanuet Water	3,060.00

TOWN HEALTH FUND

BOARD OF HEALTHSalary of health officer
Office and other expenses\$ 1,200.00
950.00

TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH

\$ 2,150.00

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICSCompensation
Other expenses\$ 100.00
70.00

TOTAL REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

\$ 170.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX FOR TOWN HEALTH

2,320.00

Mr. Eberling moved the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Kate Buchanan

Town Clerk of Clarkstown