

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
TOWN BOARD MEETING - FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

Town Hall

10/27/83

8:25 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Dusanenko
Councilmen Carey, Holbrook, Lettre, Maloney
John Costa, Town Attorney
Patricia Sheridan, Town Clerk

Supervisor Dusanenko declared the meeting open; Assemblage saluted the Flag.

Supervisor Dusanenko mentioned before the hearing that Les Bollman, Director of Environmental Control wanted it noted that there are two public holidays coming up on November 8th and November 11th, 1983. The landfill will be open on Tuesday, November 8th which is Election Day but it will be closed on Friday, November 11th, Veterans Day. Normal pick-ups will not be performed for residential areas. The landfill will open for the normal hours on Saturday, November 12th.

On motion of Councilman Holbrook, seconded by Councilman Carey and unanimously adopted, the Federal Revenue Sharing Hearing was declared open, time: 8:30 P.M.

Town Clerk read notice calling the hearing and gave the following figures:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING</u>	<u>1984 BUDGET</u>
General Government	200,000.00	\$ 6,533,001.10
Public Safety		4,755,784.00
Transportation		446,909.00
Economic Assistance & Development		305,500.00
Culture/Recreation		1,659,766.00
Employee Benefits		3,814,578.00
Debt Service		2,512,105.00
Highway		2,994,675.00
Special Districts - Sewer		2,194,698.00
Light		783,131.00
Water		731,000.00
Special Assessments		10,598.00
TOTAL BUDGET	200,000.00	26,741,745.10
Capital Fund	<u>250,000.00</u>	
Total Federal Revenue Sharing	\$450,000.00	

Supervisor Dusanenko explained the Federal Revenue Sharing procedure. He stated that it was an indeterminate amount for 1984 at this time. The projection for the current year is between \$415,000.00 and \$430,000.00. However, for budget purposes we project receipt of \$450,000.00. To continue on a pay as you go basis rather than increase bonded indebtedness \$250,000.00 of this \$450,000.00 is anticipated to be spent for the purchase of new highway equipment and would be diverted to our capital fund for the purchase of additional highway equipment in 1984. This would be in addition to \$200,000.00 which is in the budget with property tax dollars. The remaining \$200,000.00 of this anticipated \$450,000.00 would be going to the following agencies:

\$150,000.00 to the Clarkstown Police Department
\$ 50,000.00 to the Clarkstown Recreation Department

The intended use, as has been reported for these three departments, reflects many of the comments and suggestions made in the past years by former councilmen or the general public in the Town of Clarkstown.

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Supervisor Dusanenko asked if there was anyone wishing to make any comments.

There being no one wishing to be heard the hearing on the Federal Revenue Sharing was closed on motion of Councilman Holbrook, seconded by Councilman Maloney and unanimously adopted, time: 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sheridan

PATRICIA SHERIDAN,
Town Clerk

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
TOWN BOARD MEETING - BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Town Hall

10/27/83

8:34 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Dusanenko
Councilmen Carey, Holbrook, Lettre and Maloney
John Costa, Town Attorney
Patricia Sheridan, Town Clerk

On motion of Councilman Maloney, seconded by Councilman Holbrook and unanimously adopted, the Budget Hearing was opened, time: 8:34 P.M.

Town Clerk read notice calling Budget Hearing. Supervisor Dusanenko stated that this budget was properly called the Preliminary Budget for 1984. The Tentative Budget was filed in September of this year and this budget is an offshoot of that budget and had input from various councilmen, as well as myself. The initial budget called for an approximately 2-1/2% tax increase. There was no input for salaries of elected officials and the Town Board unanimously passed a resolution of intent that we had no intention of taking refuse from the Town of Greenburgh or the six villages of Greenburgh which revenue amounted to more than \$500,000.00. This amount was eliminated from any revenue. The councilmen added where they thought it was necessary to add to that budget. This was not unanimous because the Supervisor said he felt personally that this budget could have been reduced by about \$74,000.00 more but whatever it is this budget which is the subject of the hearing this evening calls for a total tax bill of \$26,741,745.10 which is an approximate tax increase of 3-1/2% over this year. He said it was one of the lowest increases of the governmental bodies in Rockland County.

Supervisor Dusanenko noted the presence of many of the CSEA members and he thanked them for their increased productivity and concern as many of them are residents of the Town as well as being employees of the Town. We all have the same vested interests.

Supervisor Dusanenko then turned the meeting over to the Comptroller, Mrs. Dorothy Erard. She mentioned that the 1984 Preliminary Budget Fact Sheet had been distributed. Mrs. Erard then read the following prepared statement:

The 1984 Town of Clarkstown Budget as presented in the legal notice published on October 17, 1983, is \$26,741,745.10. This budget is a viable one to adequately maintain all on-going services and existing programs in the Town of Clarkstown.

Of your total tax bill, as seen on the last graph, only 16.1% is used for Town services, 56% is used for school taxes, 18.4% for county, 5% for sewer, 2.6% for special districts which comprises fire, light and water and 1.9% for library taxes.

The cost of GENERAL GOVERNMENT has risen as a result of increases in such areas as salaries, employee benefits and utility costs, the purchase of new equipment for the Sewer and Building Departments and increases needed to cover contract costs. Additional funds were also included to cover the anticipated CSEA contract settlement.

The higher cost under the category of PUBLIC SAFETY, is due to the addition of six new police officers to our existing force, as well as for increases in salary and employee benefits negotiated under the settled PBA contract.

The increase in the category of ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE reflects the additional funding allocated to the Town's ambulance corps.

DEBT SERVICE has increased as a result of the several bonds needed for the Sanitary Landfill which includes the purchase of property and the leachate collection system.

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The HIGHWAY FUND increases are also due to salary and benefit increases.

There are three SPECIAL DISTRICT FUNDS.

LIGHT - This fund services street lighting throughout the entire Town. The entire increase is due to a rate hike imposed for electric service and an anticipated increase for 1984 as projected by Orange & Rockland Utilities.

WATER - This special district fund provides fire hydrants for specific districts, the largest being the Consolidated Water District. This budget is based on an estimate from the Spring Valley Water Company for 1984.

FIRE - The districts' budgets are presented to the Town for collection purposes only. The Town has no jurisdiction to make any modifications.

The category of SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS shows a decrease, as no new streets are being added for 1984, and several road improvement districts have been fully paid.

The appropriations in the 1984 budget are broken down by categories. The primary category is for salary and benefits which total \$14,190,751.00 of the total \$26,000,000.00 budget or 53.1%.

The revenue accounts in the 1984 budget are realistic projections based on recommendations of both department heads and outside agencies. It excludes all revenue from municipalities other than Orangetown for use of the Sanitary Landfill. Revenue from federal and state revenue sharing programs and anticipated grants have been included. The greatest percentage of revenue (71.3%) is derived from property taxes.

Mrs. Erard said that if you take a home assessed in New City as an example at \$60,000.00 the total taxes for 1983 were \$760.44. This will be increased to \$786.38 for 1984. This means a \$25.94 increase in the tax bill or 3.4% in Clarkstown taxes. Elected Officials salaries are also shown as increased 7% over the 1983 figures. This was required to be published and was published in the Journal News.

Supervisor Dusanenko then stated that there are two tax bills which everyone receives during the course of the year. The Town-County-State tax bill goes out during the month of January and it is this bill and this budget that we are concerned with this evening. In September the school tax bill goes out. The Supervisor gave a detailed explanation of the graphs and charts which are made a part of this hearing and follow beginning on Page 6.

A resident present in the auditorium raised a question regarding cul-du-sacs and the cost to the Town. Mr. Les Bollman, Director of Environmental Control, stated that the Town maintains approximately 172 cul-de-sacs at a cost, this year, of approximately \$40,000.00.

A resident raised the question of the increase in the employee benefits. Supervisor Dusanenko stated that a portion of the 23% increase was for employee contracts which have been negotiated such as the PBA contract. There are two remaining groups to be provided for - one the CSEA and the other the CSEA Management.

Supervisor Dusanenko asked if there was anyone present who would like to make a statement.

Appearance: Mr. Jack Cuff
West Nyack, New York

Mr. Cuff said he was representing the Organized Taxpayers Association. The reason they were not out in force tonight is because

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they were basically satisfied with the budget as presented. He said he was concerned with the \$2,000,000.00 surplus this year because he did not want to see a double digit increase in 1984. He asked the Town Board to consider the following issues: He asked that the Mini-Trans schedules be looked at as the taxpayers are paying for half-full and empty buses. This is costing the taxpayers about \$1,200.00 a day. He felt schedules should be changed so that these empty and three quarter empty vehicles are not riding around town.

Mr. Cuff questioned \$1,700,000.00 for recreation. These programs are supported by families it is true but every year we are paying for Germonds Pool and we will be paying for it for another ten or fifteen years. He said it had reached a point in Clarkstown where most of the families in Clarkstown cannot participate in anything other than swimming or tennis as they might find it difficult. He said the Town should get more familiar with the facilities used with the local schools where the athletic fields are in poor condition and understaffed, and try to work out volunteer committees and supply some kind of help to improve our athletic fields here in Clarkstown.

Mr. Cuff then suggested that the Town set up a second tier of employment as has been done by the State of New York. The employees working now are the ones who have made Clarkstown a community worth moving into and there is no doubt about that. I would never want anything taken away from a current employee but we cannot continue to offer the fringe package to police or town employees of the future that we offer now. Some of the fringes being offered to some employees are more than the average taxpayer can stomach.

Mr. Cuff said in looking over the budget he noted that the Town Attorney is requesting another Deputy Town Attorney. In 1981 we spent \$20,000.00 for outside legal services. In 1982 we spent \$88,000.00 for outside legal services. The Assessor's Office in 1981 spent \$180,000.00 and in 1984 are projecting spending \$476,000.00. He said he felt that we were going to get another reassessment in 1984. It is frightening to the average resident that with the tax bill they are carrying now to see another reassessment coming along. He said that aside from the Police Department there are forty vehicles and twenty of these vehicles are being used by employees twenty-four hours a day. We do not want any emergency personnel to give up their vehicle but if you look down the list of those who have a car twenty-four hours a day there are changes that could be made. We pay these people good salaries and good fringes and he said he did not get a car to take home at night and most of the Board members do not get a car to take home at night.

Mr. Cuff said in looking at the Planning Board he noted the amounts spent in outside consultants. In 1981 - \$69,000.00; in 1982 - \$87,000.00; in 1983 - \$70,000.00 spent so far and we will be coming close to \$100,000.00 before the first of the year. In 1984 they are looking for \$75,000.00. He questioned the on going nature of these fees from year to year.

Mr. Cuff questioned the many creations of positions and appointments lately. He felt that with the installation of the computer and word processors we should be looking to utilize this equipment and what it can do for us without all these additional hirings. If employees are hired, until this equipment can come up to its full potential, they should be hired on a provisional basis where through attrition or retirement someone could get a permanent job out of it. We should not be continuing to hire when we have the type of equipment which is supposed to eliminate hiring.

Mr. Cuff remarked on the conditions existing outside the West Nyack Library. He said if we are going to be worried about the

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restoration of buildings here in Clarkstown we should take care of the buildings which mean something to us. The West Nyack Library should be at the top of the priority list. He stated that this was a personal concern of his.

Mr. Cuff questioned the use of the lights in the Auditorium which he felt was excessive. He said by eliminating some of the tubes in each lighting fixture we could save a lot of electricity. He said the maintenance people should be made a little more aware of energy conservation and he did not see too much of that in Town Hall.

Mr. Cuff said he noted that the Town Board had voted themselves a 7% raise. He said it was a poor time to give themselves a 7% raise when they are in the middle of negotiations with the CSEA. He said he hoped that a fair and equitable contract with the people who actually get out and give us the day to day service here in Clarkstown would be taken care of properly and soon.

Appearance: Mr. John Lodico
New City, New York

Mr. Lodico said that Mr. Cuff had spoken on many of the items he was also concerned with. He did question the hiring of six more police officers and felt that they were not needed. He said that we are the second highest paid police force in the country and did not have the territory to warrant this. He felt that our police officers should not be used for desk or inside duty. He thought that other civil servants should do the desk jobs. He did not believe in a percentage increase but felt it should be a dollar increase. Mr. Lodico objected to the buy bond and get one free.

Mr. Lodico also spoke regarding community development funds. He stated that the western part of the county always gets the largest part. We pay the largest share of the county's taxes but we do not get our fair share.

Mr. Lodico also said that the work at the Landfill has quadrupled and they have not received the necessary employees down there. He said that in order to raise revenue for the Landfill all commercial vehicles should pay. He also stated that all cul-de-sacs should be phased out and not fixed up. If they are wanted they should be made part of an improvement district and the people who benefit from them should pay for them.

Appearance: Mr. Ray Barbier
New City, New York

Mr. Barbier, who is Vice President of the CSEA read a letter from Lee Pound, President of the CSEA as follows:

(Letterhead of Clarkstown Unit of the CSEA)

"October 27, 1983

Hon. Town Board
Town of Clarkstown
10 Maple Avenue
New City, New York 10956

Gentlemen:

Inasmuch as this hearing is being conducted on monies to be expended during the fiscal year 1984, we, the members of the Clarkstown Unit CSEA, feel that we should express our concern now as to how this budget will be established so that in this process, the members of our Unit will receive fair and just compensation for their services.

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"On two occasions beginning in 1978 and again in 1981, our Unit was asked to accept a year and a half in wage freezes so that the tax burden could be kept down. Our negotiators accepted these terms even though our wages were not near to keeping up with the rapid rise of inflation and cost of living in this area.

At this time, we are aware that the elected officials of this Town have been allocated a seven percent increase in salaries for 1984. We are also aware that the Town has reached a fair and amicable settlement in negotiations with the Clarkstown Policemans' Benevolent Association without resorting to arbitration as in the past. We are taking this opportunity to request that you will see to it that this budget will contain sufficient funds to compensate the Civil Service Employees Unit members on the same basis as other employees of the Town who serve this community. We are sincere in stating that we believe we do our best here in Town Hall, the Town Justice Courts, the Highway Department, the Parks Board and Recreation, and all the other integral departments of the Town government that help make this Town a fine place in which to live.

We ask you in good conscience to provide funds in an amount that will enable you to treat our membership in a fair and equitable manner in the ensuing bargaining agreement effective January 1, 1984.

Yours truly,

/s/ Lee Pound

Lee Pound, President

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Appearance: Mr. Warren Marshall
Nanuet, New York

Mr. Marshall spoke regarding the tier system for Civil Service Employees. He felt that having people in different tiers made it very difficult in administering fringe benefits, etc. Mr. Marshall spoke about the Police Department issuing summonses that compound fines for motorists. He objected to the fact that Policemen are tax collectors for the State of New York.

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Appearance: Ms. Suzie Covello
Central Nyack, New York

Mrs. Covello thanked the Town Board for their support for our recreation programs. She also wanted to speak about Central Nyack and the traffic and drainage problems on Laurel Road. A new development coming in there would add to both of these problems. She also stated that there was no signal at the intersection. She suggested, that since there is a light at the entrance to the Hub Shopping Center there should be a curb cut to Fair Oaks Road so people can come down Laurel Road and enter Route 59.

Mrs. Covello also stated that the Mini-buses should run later to the Mall for the sake of students going to the movies, etc., so that parents do not have to pick them up.

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Appearance: Ms. Lee Mader, Secretary
Organized Tax Payers

Mrs. Mader asked that the Board vote on this budget before Election Day.

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There being no one further wishing to be heard, on motion of Councilman Holbrook, seconded by Councilman Maloney and unanimously adopted, the Budget Hearing was closed, time: 9:20 P.M. - DECISION RESERVED. Return to regular meeting.

Following is the Fact Sheet and the bar graphs to which Mrs. Erard referred.

1984 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FACT SHEET

The 1984 Preliminary Budget (as published) in comparison to the 1983

Current Budget:

CATEGORY	1983 CURRENT BUDGET	1984 PRELIMINARY
General Government	\$ 5,265,556.58	\$ 5,392,431.00
Public Safety	4,370,048.00	4,755,784.00
Transportation	500,290.15	446,909.00
Economic Assist. & Dev.	167,350.00	305,500.00
Culture & Recreation	1,496,332.00	1,659,766.00
Employee Benefits	3,155,237.00	3,814,578.00
Debt Service	2,349,073.00	2,512,105.00
Highway	3,330,102.00	2,994,675.00
Special Districts-Sewer	2,148,554.00	2,194,698.00
-Light	756,000.00	783,131.00
-Water	800,000.00	731,000.00
-Fire	1,090,654.00	1,140,570.10
Special Assessments	14,978.00	10,598.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 25,444,174.73	\$ 26,741,745.10

This 1984 Preliminary Budget includes all existing programs and anticipated union settlements. It is based on estimates from department heads, utility companies and submitted fire district budgets.

1984 APPROPRIATIONS

The total appropriations can be seen on the bar chart as a percentage of the total budget. The dollar amounts are as follows:

Salaries	10,376,173.00
Benefits	3,814,578.00
Equipment	671,775.00
Supplies	1,784,315.00
Contracts	2,343,458.00
Debt-General	2,512,105.00
-Sewer	2,194,698.00
Insurance	225,000.00
Contingency	100,000.00
Misc. (Taxes etc.)	74,475.00
Special Districts-Fire	1,140,570.10
-Light	763,000.00
-Water	731,000.00
-Sp. Assess.	10,598.00
	\$ 26,741,745.10

1984 REVENUE

As seen from the bar chart the main source of revenue is the tax levied on the property owner.

Taxes	19,083,477.85
Surplus	2,120,000.00
State Aid-Per Capita	946,300.00
-Other	584,262.00
Federal Aid-Rev. Sharing	200,000.00
-Transp.	175,000.00
Recreation fees	739,000.00
Interest	907,500.00
Transfers	235,195.25
Landfill	772,010.00
Department Income	403,500.00
Fines & Forfeit Bail	175,500.00
Mortgage Tax	400,000.00
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	\$ 26,741,745.10

TOTAL TAXES

As seen from the bar chart 16.1% of your total tax bill is for town purpose. An example of a \$60,000 assessed home in New City is as follows:

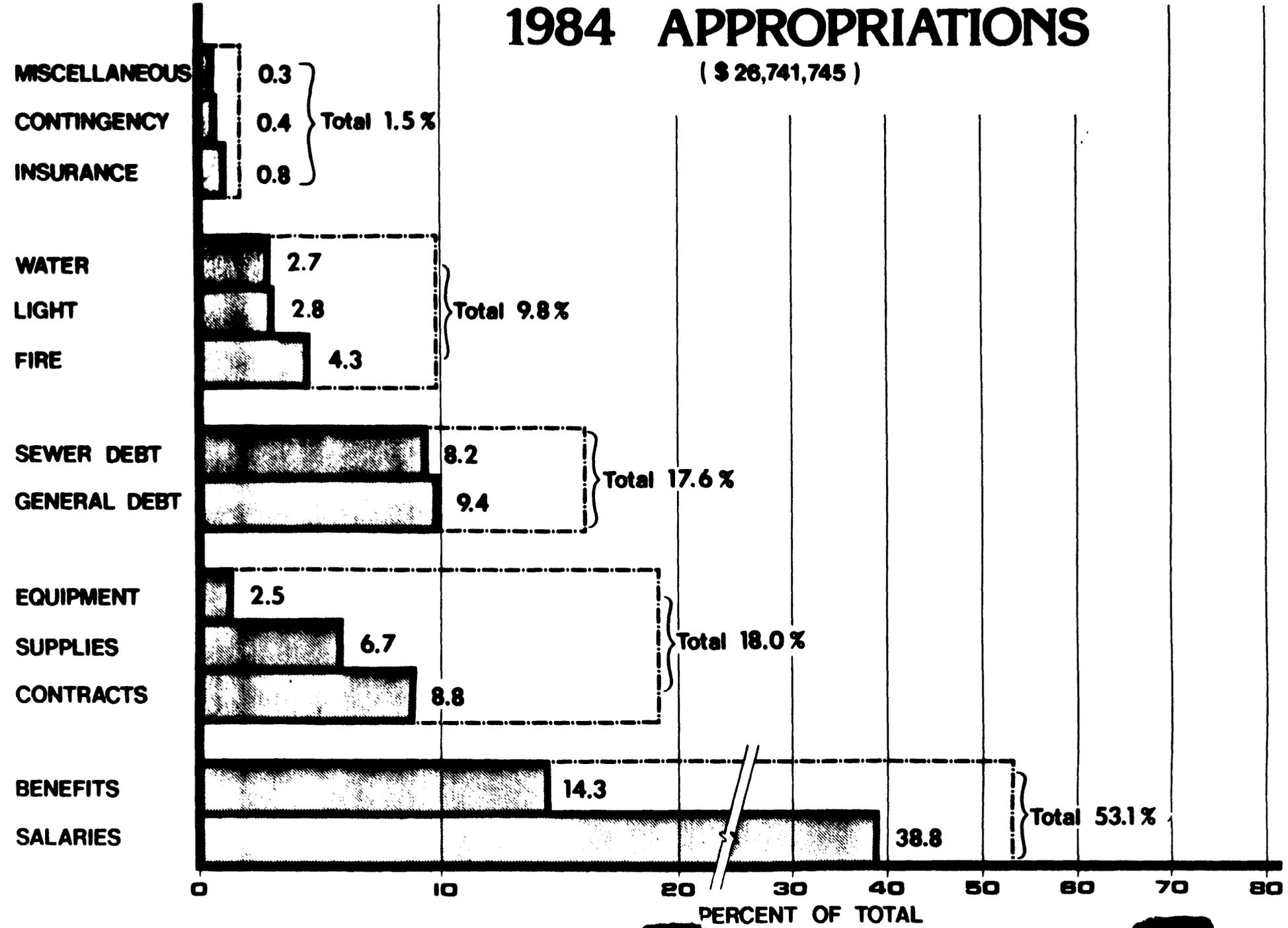
	1983	1984	CHANGE
Town Tax	580.83	607.83	27.00
Fire (New City)	25.07	26.44	1.37
Light	30.65	30.03	(.62)
Water	37.79	37.68	(.11)
Sewer			
A.V.	44.22	43.23	(.99)
F.F.	22.29	22.12	(.17)
UNIT	19.59	19.05	(.54)
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	760.44	786.38	25.94

ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARIES

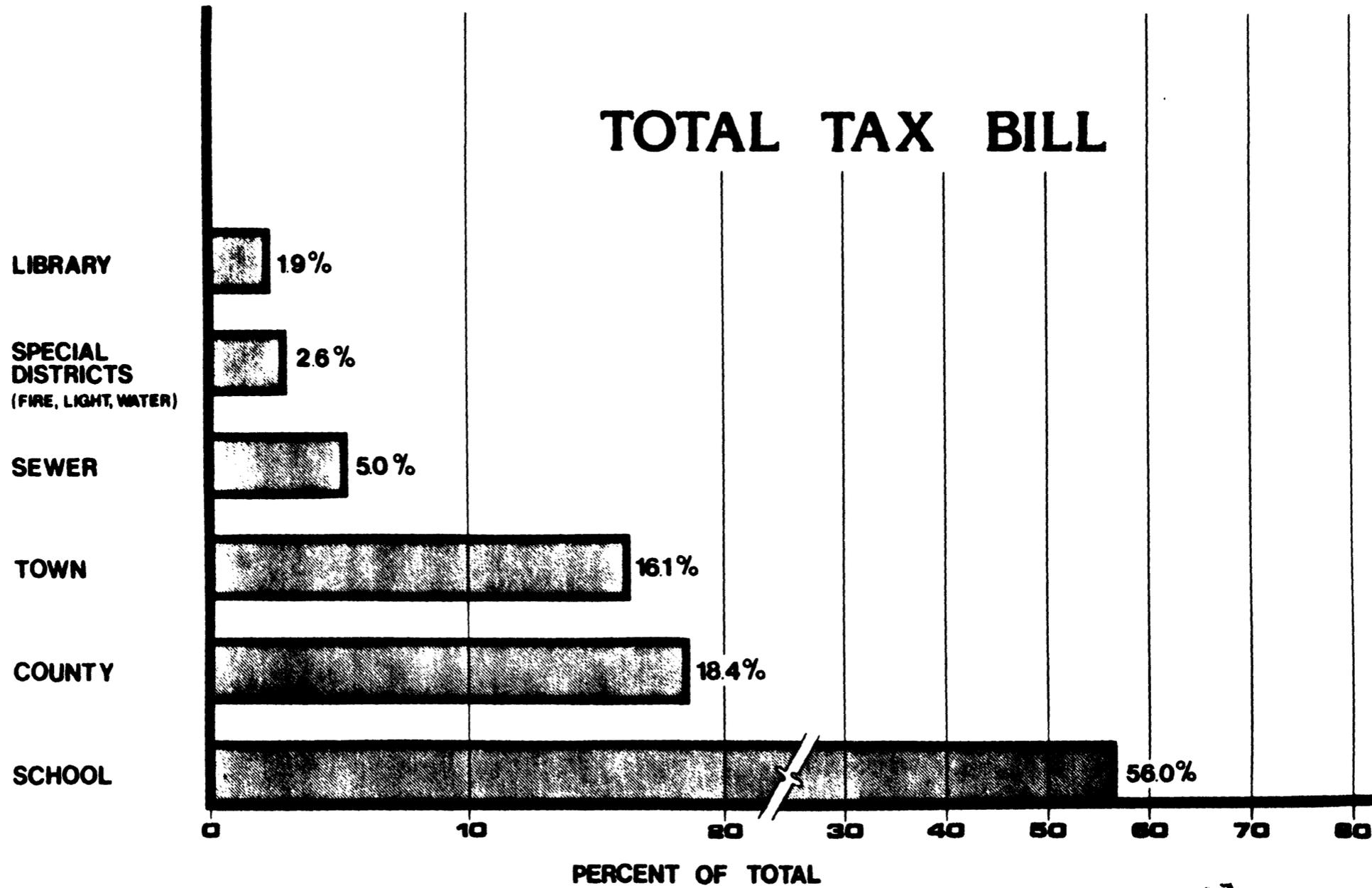
Supervisor	42,693.00
Councilmen (4)	10,700.00 ea.
Receiver of Taxes	25,060.00
Town Clerk	25,060.00
Superintendent of Highways	32,100.00
Justices (4)	21,400.00 ea.

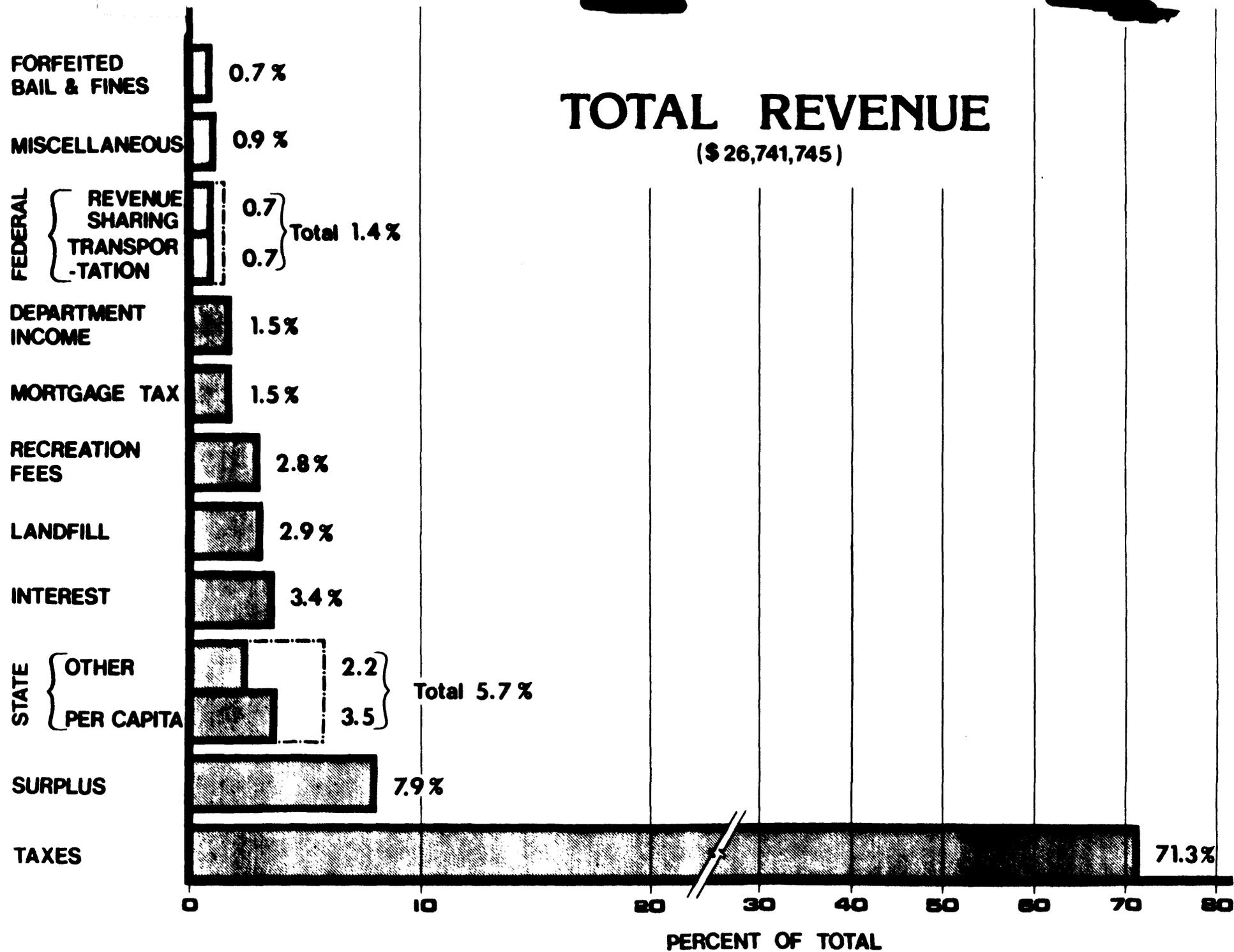
1984 APPROPRIATIONS

(\$ 26,741,745)



PERCENT OF TOTAL





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RESOLUTION NO. (973-1983)

DECREASING 1984 BUDGET
FOR EAST SPRING VALLEY
FIRE COMPANY

Co. Maloney offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that as a result of the new equalization rate for 1984, the 1984 budget for the East Spring Valley Fire Company be decreased by \$29.00.

Seconded by Co. Holbrook

All voted Aye.

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RESOLUTION NO. (974-1983)

INCREASING CONTINGENCY
FUND A 1990-505 FOR
COMMUTER PARKING

Co. Maloney offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Contingency Fund A 1990-505 be increased by Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars for Commuter Parking.

Seconded by Co. Holbrook

All voted Aye.

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Councilman Maloney inquired as to whether the budget was adequate for the CSEA settlement. Mrs. Erard answered in the affirmative.

Councilman Lettre asked what the last date was for the approval of the budget. Mrs. Erard stated that it had to be adopted by November 20, 1983. Councilman Lettre said it was his feeling that the consensus of the Board was to vote on this budget tonight. He said he had no objections to voting on this before Election Day as he thought it was a good budget. However, he felt the comments registered by people tonight should be absorbed and possibly the budget could be trimmed further. Otherwise what was done this evening is just an effort in futility and a farce.

Supervisor Dusanenko stated that the next Town Board Meeting was scheduled for November 22, 1983. This is two days after the due date and would necessitate a special meeting for minor modifications.

Councilman Lettre said he was not adverse to setting a special meeting for purposes of adopting the budget.

Supervisor Dusanenko said that we do have a dispute as far as the Landfill is concerned. More than half a million less is coming in from the Town of Greenburgh. He stated he voted with the majority to cease and desist continuing landfill operations in trash and garbage coming in from Westchester. That was started four years ago after his election, before he was sworn in and it was a sweetheart deal. He said he was legitimately concerned about the budget and with people who were legitimately concerned about the budget rather than posturing. He said we know that we need a baler for the Landfill. As construction is decreasing within the Town of Clarkstown there is less excess dirt and that excess dirt is becoming more expensive to purchase. We have to cover that Landfill every day by several inches. The purchase of a baler which all the supervisors of all the towns agreed to would cost approximately \$1,000,000.00 sometime next year. Modifications for the successful operation of our leachate collection system might be under landfill expense or a sewer extension expense. This would account for another half million dollars. Next Year we are going to need approximately one and one half million dollars which is not provided for in this

budget which will be bonded for short range in the event it is needed and the baler will be used regardless of whether or not the Landfill closes by our decision or by the State of New York DEC decision. The tragedy will be for the Town of Clarkstown and its taxpayers that this million and one half dollars could have been assumed by none of us other than the taxpayers of the Town of Ramapo.

There was discussion here from speakers concerning the attitudes of Ramapo election officials with community development funds which amount to approximately \$55,000.00 a year which is a pittance compared to this total budget. By the lack of action of this Town, Clarkstown residents next year will pay either over a longer period of time or next year one and one half million dollars for necessary remedial work at the Landfill. The Town of Ramapo instead of only paying that one and one half million dollars for us is going to have to pay that amount for basically the same type of transfer station in the Town of Ramapo and will have to pay an extra million and one half to two million dollars on top of that for the privilege of trucking it away and burning it somewhere else. He said he doubted if the Town of Ramapo was going to be too happy to vote for those necessary public work projects because what we have done by our lack of action and politicizing of a landfill is to cause our people in the future to definitely pay a million and one half more and the Town of Ramapo to pay a million and a half to two million more than they were prepared to pay. We do share the same water system. If this does happen there will be additional expense to the people of the Town of Clarkstown. You know we pay for residential garbage service which is non-tax-deductible - about \$9.00 per month. Clarkstown carters are charged \$5.00 per ton to dump at our Landfill and \$7.50 per ton to dump debris. Ramapo's estimated costs for the transfer and dumping fees at a landfill out of Rockland County will increase their costs and our costs if we receive a shutdown to \$25.00 to \$40.00 per ton. This is just the first year figure because no price and no salary stays the same. What will happen to residential collection rates in the Town of Clarkstown will be obscene.

Supervisor Dusanenko said in regard to Mr. Lodico's comments earlier about increasing the tariff or charging for the up to three-quarter ton trucks, this Town Board, if not the previous one of two years ago, voted unanimously not to charge pick-up trucks up to three-quarters of a ton because what those people are doing many times at the close of a construction day with the landfill closed was dumping their debris at the Nanuet Railroad Station, along the highways, byways and walkways of this Town and everywhere on undeveloped lots where there was not a close neighbor to report it to the Clarkstown Police Department. The Clarkstown Highway Department had to go out and remove that rubble wherever it was and it costs us double - the money we didn't receive and then the extra expense of removing it. We found it fiscally prudent not to charge these people even if they did have commercial plates on their vehicle so that we could reduce expenditures and make a cleaner Clarkstown for all parties. We could expect, if our Landfill does close in January, because I understand that Ramapo people are not too happy that we were not there to help them in their hour of need, Clarkstown will have to bear an extra million and one half dollars burden and perhaps an increase of 10-1/2% in taxes next year in addition to whatever other increases there may be. He stated that he hoped this budget would be adopted tonight, that the election process is concluded and sanity and fiscal determination return right after the 8th of November.

RESOLUTION NO. (975-1983)

ADOPTING AMENDED 1984
PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Co. Holbrook offered the following resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. (975-1983) Continued

RESOLVED, that the 1984 Preliminary Budget, as amended, is hereby adopted.

Seconded by Supv. Dusanenko

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Supervisor Dusanenko.....	Yes
Councilman Carey.....	Yes
Councilman Holbrook.....	Yes
Councilman Lettre.....	Abstain
Councilman Maloney.....	Yes

Councilman Lettre said that as he stated earlier he thought this was a good budget and it would take care of the needs of the people of the Town of Clarkstown. He said that obviously his colleagues were sitting here this evening just to hear people talk but not to pay attention to or work on what the people are suggesting. I am not here to politicize this hearing but to do what I think is best for the people. He said he was abstaining because he believed that we should have a decision before Election Day, as the Supervisor stated, but Election Day is on November 8th and that gives us about thirteen days. There is no reason why the Town Board could not set a Special Town Board Meeting for the purpose of adopting this Budget on a day prior to the 8th. He said he thought it was wrong - that if you ask people for their input and have them come out and speak you should listen to them and at least try to work on their suggestions.

Councilman Maloney stated that he has listened to what has been said and he did not think that much of what has been said is calling for the slashing of the budget but that good suggestions were made in terms of how the budget is managed and administered and how we watch where the dollars are going - to be careful and aware of where the Mini-Trans is going and that it is productive; to be concerned about new employees coming in and where they will be slotted; to be aware that the vehicles that are being used on an around-the-clock basis are really necessary. A lot of these ideas and suggestions really to me are not so much the slashing of the budget but more of being a manager and an administrator and being on top of things - finding out what is going on. We have to observe the computer system and perhaps say yes it does work and we may be able to eliminate a few jobs but we won't know that until we get there. He said if he happened to be sitting in the Supervisor's chair come January, he would be around to make sure that some of the suggestions made are followed. He said he would make sure that there is money there for the contract negotiations, etc. Things mentioned regarding drainage and traffic in Central Nyack, etc., were listened to and these, among others, are administrative concerns and he said he would follow them. He was, therefore, prepared to vote "Yes" on the budget.

Supervisor Dusanenko said that in regard to the day to day management of the Town of Clarkstown he was blessed to be assisted by many, many dedicated CSEA employees and CSEA department heads as well as many of the appointments of this Town Board. They have been very competent and very professional in most instances. He said he has disagreed with them, on occasion, as well. He said he was glad that the budget would be adopted this evening but that he would have liked to have some firmer figures. About six months ago he said he came before all his colleagues on the Town Board, as he did over a year ago, and asked for permission to negotiate the CSEA contract without hiring extra experts, extra labor consultants, etc., and he said he did not get a direct reason of why he was not given that opportunity to do more work than he is doing now. He said it would have been nice to have

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the CSEA contract included instead of guessing at a sufficient sum for a fair and equitable settlement as he did the year before when this Town had a very severe problem in the ensuing Brink's trial. The trial was scheduled to be held in New City. He stated that efforts on his behalf to move the trial out of New City to a federal or state land like the Orangetown Armory were rejected by Judge Gagliardi. It was more important for the health, welfare and safety of our policemen, as well as our residents at that time, that policemen were not going to work looking for potential snipers and discussing their negotiations for their wages for the next several years.

Supervisor Dusanenko said he thanked all of the members of the Town Board for the opportunity to do it. The policemen adopted a fair and equitable contract at least a month before the start of the Brink's trial. The cost to the Town's taxpayers was unusually low - less than 6.86% to the taxpayer and yet it benefitted the policemen the way it was arranged to increase productivity and changes in hours and many other categories with a wage increase of about 8.86% delayed at the end of the year rather than at the beginning of that year. He stated that he would have liked to have had the opportunity to negotiate that contract so that we know exact figures for 1984 but hopefully, if there is a future for all of us, he looked forward to such continued opportunity not only on behalf of the Town Board and the CSEA but all residents of the Town of Clarkstown.

Supervisor Dusanenko stated that he has some differences of opinion with this budget but that at the same time he thought that for the best interests this issue should be put to rest. It does have sufficient funds for most things except a shutdown of the Clarkstown Landfill and its subsequent tax burdens and he voted "Yes" on the adoption and "Thank you."

On motion of Councilman Maloney, seconded by Councilman Carey, the regular meeting was closed, time: 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sheridan

PATRICIA SHERIDAN,
Town Clerk

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town Hall

10/27/83

9:40 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Dusanenko
Councilmen Carey, Holbrook, Lettre, Maloney
John Costa, Town Attorney
Patricia Sheridan, Town Clerk

On motion of Councilman Holbrook, seconded by Councilman Maloney and unanimously adopted, the Special Town Board Meeting was opened, time: 9:40 P.M. Members signed Consent to Hold Special Town Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. (976-1983)

DESIGNATING DIRECTOR OF
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTROL (LESLIE F. BOLLMAN)
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF TOWN
TO SERVE ON ROCKLAND COUNTY
SOLID WASTE SCREENING
COMMITTEE AND/OR AGENCY

Co. Maloney offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Environmental Control, Leslie F. Bollman, be and he hereby is designated as the representative of the Town of Clarkstown to serve on the Rockland County Solid Waste Screening Committee and/or agency.

Seconded by Co. Lettre

All voted Aye.

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Councilman Lettre said he hoped that all of the members of the Rockland County Legislature would get on the ball and start working to put together a workable and feasible system of solid waste disposal that, financially, will not be a burden to the Town and will serve as a benefit.

Supervisor Dusanenko said that the track record of the Rockland County Sewer District was a dismal failure and is still experiencing delays. He said he would not be an obstructionist in so far as having rightful representation to that agency by Leslie Bollman, who works in the best interests of the Town of Clarkstown. The problem is, if the County does go ahead, they are not going to put a solid waste facility in downtown Spring Valley and they are not going to put it in the middle of Ramapo either. No matter what you say now, if you give them the legal authority to create another level of government you are not going to have the political klout to choose the site and location. You are giving away the local control and Ramapo will have the votes of the majority of the towns and do not be surprised if we wind up with a solid waste facility and still have our Landfill open even if we want it closed at sometime in the future. He wanted his remarks noted for the record and he voted "Yes."

Supervisor Dusanenko declared the Special Town Board Meeting closed, time: 9:45 P.M.

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Appearance:

Mr. John Lodico
Birch Drive
New City, New York 10956

Mr. Lodico spoke regarding the Landfill. He said he was hopeful that the leachate collection system would be successful. He said he was hopeful also that the Landfill would be given a permit to

operate. He said he was optimistic that if this would continue to keep out foreign garbage that we will be able to keep that Landfill open for the taxpayers of our community for ten or twenty more years. The Landfill has been used by the Supervisors for the last eight or so years as a monetary bank for this Town to justify its budget. The Landfill money has been used wherever they wanted to program Town government. Now, if they use that money for landfill as a revenue basis fine but not to be utilized for any other capital project or other items in the budget. You talk in a desperate manner - "and if they close this plant" - you are not talking optimistically and I get in the background that there is a possibility after Election Day that there will be a contract to bring in more out of town garbage into this Landfill, whether it be you or Mr. Maloney. You only need three guys --

Councilman Carey said it would not be him and this sentiment was echoed by other members of the Town Board.

Supervisor Dusanenko said it would be remiss of him not to respond at this time. He said we have a quotation for an insurance policy which is supposed to include landfill insurance. He said he had only received verbal, not written, confirmation that landfill insurance from the carrier who promised landfill insurance that that insurance is not available to this Town. He said he also had knowledge that landfill insurance must be obtained for continuation of a landfill. This is state law. We have been sabotaged in this Town for political purposes. This Board has passed unanimously resolutions which say there are environmental problems at our Landfill which do not exist. You can't say things on the record as an elected official and then a month later say "I never said it."

Co. Lettre: In truth the insurance company that you were proposing came into this Town and did a survey and said they weren't interested in this Town because the ground pollution at the Landfill was at such a high degree that they felt it was a high risk and they weren't interested. Not because of any action by this board but because of a non-partisan group which came in looking for the best interests of their company, protecting their rights and said your landfill stinks, we don't want to do business with you. That is no reflection on our Town agency and the people who run it. It is a fact that we have problems. Let's not try to hide the problems. Let's not try to make this into a political issue.

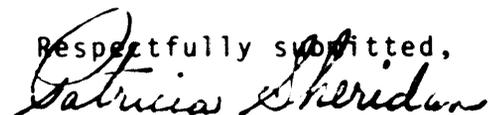
Supervisor Dusanenko answered Councilman Lettre and stated that there was further information of which he might not be aware. There was information provided to an insurance agent who is a broker for this Town, which was not confirmed, or true, or verified by our resident engineer or our consultant engineer which caused the downfall of that policy - false reports and innuendo which has no basis in fact.

Les Bollman said the Supervisor was right. The Hackensack Water company tests the water weekly and there was no pollution of the drinking water. He said the Hackensack Water Company was the primary, motivating mover in having the Ramapo Landfill closed. They are not afraid and if there was a problem they would go after it.

Councilman Lettre said that American Home did come into the Town and after investigation said they did not want to insure us. I am sure it is not because they had too much business. He said there was a letter on record which states that they did not want to insure us. Mr. Hoffman, Director of Finance, stated that that was not true and Councilman Lettre insisted that it was.

Supervisor Dusanenko asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak. There being no one, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA SHERIDAN,
Town Clerk