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TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town Hall

11/18/91

8:36 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Holbrook
Council Members Kunis, Maloney, Mandia and Smith
Murray N. Jacobson, Town Attorney
Patricia Sheridan, Town Clerk

Supervisor declared Special Town Board Meeting open.
Assemblage saluted the Flag.

Supervisor moved a resolution adopting the 1992 budget for the Town of Clarkstown but said resolution did not receive a second.

Councilman Maloney said he was prepared to offer a motion to adopt the budget that the Town Board had the public hearing on and that in adopting the 5.9% budget he wanted to assure the residents that he did not want to cut services.

RESOLUTION NO. (873-1991)

ADOPTING THE 1992 BUDGET
FOR THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

Co. Maloney offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a public hearing pursuant to Town Law Section 108, to consider the Town of Clarkstown Preliminary Budget for the year 1992, was duly scheduled and noticed for October 16, 1991, at 8:00 P.M. at the Town Hall Auditorium, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board met at the time and place specified in the Notice of the Public Hearing and heard all persons desiring to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that such Preliminary Budget be and is hereby adopted as the Annual Budget of the Town of Clarkstown for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of January, 1992, and that such Budget, as so adopted, be entered in detail in the proceedings of this Town Board, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Clarkstown shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of such Annual Budget as adopted by this Town Board, together with Assessment Rolls for benefit improvements, if any, adopted pursuant to Section 202-a, Subd. 2 and Section 231, Subd. 2 of the Town Law and deliver two copies thereof to the Supervisor of this Town to be presented by him to the Legislature of Rockland County pursuant to Section 115 of the Town Law and other applicable sections of the Town Law.

Seconded by Co. Smith

Councilman Kunis said he is a businessman in the community and he pays both business and residential taxes. Saturday on Main Street in New City is the prime business day of the week but the business is not there. He believed that the 5.9% budget was too high. Since business is down thirty to forty percent he would look to cut the budget and therefore was voting no.

Councilman Maloney voted yes on the 5.9% budget not the 9.6% or the 10% budget. He said if we cannot afford it we will have to live without it and we will have to tighten our belts.

Councilman Mandia said he voted no last year as he did not understand the process. He felt that every department head should have to come before the Town Board to explain their budget. He said he takes exception to the police pension not being in the original budget and he questions if this is legal. He wanted a

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job freeze for two years and a review of any vacated position. He discussed the landfill contracts, the Mini Trans, and use of Town cars. He said we need a new police station but not the one we are planning to build. He voted no on the budget.

Councilwoman Smith said while she was asked to vote for the 9.6% budget she could not and she was voting for the 5.9% budget. She voted yes.

Supervisor Holbrook voted yes and explained that if the budget were not voted for it would be adopted by law. He said he was acquiescing in favor of the 5.9% budget because he felt it was better to vote and take a stand on something than to let it happen almost by default. He spoke regarding additional long term debt saying interest rates are so low now it might pay us to look at that. He added that we should also look at savings, bond issues, etc. He said that the mortgage tax for next year is the same as this year and he explained that. He said he was voting yes.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

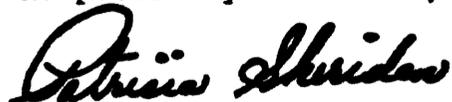
Councilman Kunis.....	No
Councilman Maloney.....	Yes
Councilman Mandia.....	No
Councilwoman Smith.....	Yes
Supervisor Holbrook.....	Yes

Supervisor asked if anyone wished to make a comment or ask a question.

Appearance:	Ms. Arlene Owen Congers, New York
Appearance:	Mr. Joseph Pantano New City, New York
Appearance:	Mr. John Deighan New City, New York
Appearance:	Mr. Phillip Bosco West Nyack, New York
Appearance:	Mr. John Lodico New City, New York
Appearance:	Mr. Steve Hoffman New City, New York
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There being no further business to come before the Special Town Board Meeting and no one further wishing to be heard on motion of Councilman Maloney, seconded by Councilwoman Smith and unanimously adopted, the Special Town Board Meeting was declared closed, time: 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA SHERIDAN,
Town Clerk