

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
1995 BUDGET HEARING

Town Hall

10/24/94

8:30 P.M.

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

Re: Public Hearing on Proposed 1995 Budget - Town of Clarkstown

On motion of Councilman Mandia, seconded by Councilman Dusanenko and unanimously adopted the public hearing was opened. Assemblage saluted the Flag. Town Clerk read notice calling public hearing and testified as to proper posting and publication.

Supervisor asked that all speakers keep their comments as succinct as possible.

Appearance: Mr. Greg Schultz
New City

Mr. Schultz spoke regarding the Highway Department and the leaf pickup, snow removal, brush and bulk pickup.

Appearance: Mr. Joseph Schlimer
New City

Mr. Schlimer compared Town budgets throughout the County.

Appearance: Mr. Steve Goldberg
Nanuet

Mr. Goldberg stated there had been no tax increase for three years but the school taxes have gone up.

Appearance: Mr. John Cuff
West Nyack

Mr. Cuff discussed preparation of the school board budget versus Town budget.

Appearance: Mr. Joseph Pantano, representing
Committee for Responsible Government

Mr. Pantano commended Town Board and Supervisor for no tax increase for two years as no other Town in the County has done that.

Appearance: Mr. John Jirgal
Valley Cottage

Mr. Jirgal opposed the budget and said with the tax situation we are on an endless downward spiral.

Appearance: Mr. Al Moroni
Congers

Mr. Moroni opposed a line item budget as it is self perpetuating. He recommended a non-partisan citizen group to review budget.

Appearance: Mr. Matthew Squire

Mr. Squire said there was a zero percent increase for past years. He thanked the Board for having done a great job and said Clarkstown is a great place to live.

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Appearance: Mr. Herb Diller
New City

Mr. Diller noted that he had taken a cut in pay and lost his hospitalization benefits.

Appearance: Mr. William Stout
Nanuet

Mr. Stout complained about snow removal and the destruction of the bus shelter outside of the Hamlets of Rockland.

Appearance: Mr. Steve Weiss
Congers

Mr. Weiss said don't raise taxes, reduce services.

Appearance: Ms. Marge Nevins
New City

Ms. Nevins said she gave out fliers in front of supermarkets and people cannot afford any more tax increases.

Appearance: Mr. Bob Jackson, representing
Nanuet Civic Association

Mr. Jackson said offer buy outs to police, highway and others. He said the DEC has no power to fine anyone but the Town Board can change that and raise revenues.

Appearance: Ms. Arlene Owen
Congers

Ms. Owen opposed the budget and noted what she believed was an angry citizenry.

Appearance: Mr. Paul Adler, Chairman
Clarkstown Democratic Party
West Nyack

Mr. Adler commended the Town Board on their hard work and dedication.

Appearance: Mr. Myron Hecker
New City

Mr. Hecker spoke in opposition to any budget increase.

Appearance: John McGinn, Esq.
New City

Mr. McGinn said every house in Clarkstown over ten years old is over assessed and the Town should consider its tax base.

Appearance: Ms. Trudy Knight
Central Nyack

Ms. Knight said private contractors work hard on roads. Everything should be contracted out. She noted that nothing is available for Central Nyack.

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Appearance: Mr. Bill Grosso

Mr. Grosso said he was in favor of term limits and believes in privatization.

Appearance: Mr. Lou Svengali
Nanuet

Mr. Svengali said everyone wants a raise but he received only a 2.8% Social Security raise.

Appearance: Ms. Barbara Servidio
Congers

Ms. Servidio inquired as to what a Deputy Town Attorney made and stated that one owes over \$23,000.00 in taxes.

Appearance: Mr. Gene Force
Nanuet

Mr. Force said he is not getting value for the taxes paid. His main complaint was the horrendous traffic on Prospect Street which is now a by pass for Route 59.

Appearance: Mr. Russel Trojan
Nanuet

Mr. Trojan spoke regarding what he felt were problems within the Town and what he perceived would be solutions to those problems.

Appearance: Mr. Joel Epstein
Bardonia

Mr. Epstein said he was embarrassed that the hearing was so carnival-like.

Appearance: Mr. Joe Robertson

Mr. Robertson spoke regarding the comparison of factory workers to government workers.

Appearance: Mr. Warren Marshall
Nanuet

Mr. Marshall said that young people had the right to speak. He voiced his opposition to various Town programs.

Appearance: Mr. Ken Hart, President
Normandy Village Condominiums
Nanuet

Mr. Hart was happy to pay his taxes and said no Town provides for their senior citizens better than Clarkstown.

Appearance: Ms. Gail Mayhew
West Nyack

Ms. Mayhew was concerned about the landfill and the odors emanating therefrom.

Appearance: Ms. Lorraine Waldman
West Nyack

Ms. Waldman said Clarkstown taxes are out of control. She urged cut backs.

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Appearance: Mr. Steve Hoffman
Concerned Taxpayers

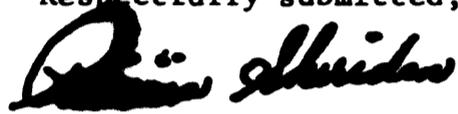
Mr. Hoffman noted that he was a former candidate for Supervisor. He believed in a zero based budget and workshop meetings to discuss the budget. He wished a speedy recovery to Ted Dusanenko, Sr.

Appearance: Mr. Frank Finnochio
New City

Mr. Finnochio wished to volunteer his time as a responsible citizen to help review the budget.

There being no one further wishing to speak on motion of Councilman Maloney, seconded by Councilwoman Smith and unanimously adopted, the Budget Hearing was closed, time: 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA SHERIDAN,
Town Clerk