

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town Hall

11/21/94

8:33 P.M.

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

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

Supervisor Holbrook suggested that the original budget be amended regarding the amount raised by taxes to reflect the \$270,000.00 that will be received by the Town from the County in revenue sharing. The 5.9% would be changed to 5.3%, the dollar figure being \$87+ change to \$78+ change. He explained that there were 14 votes in favor of revenue sharing. He said the Town would use the revenue sharing and apply it directly to taxes and not squirrel it away and that there was a fair shot that we would get it.

Councilman Maloney asked what increase for elected officials - will it be 4.25%? Supervisor said yes all officials will get 4.25% except possibly one. That will be done when we adopt the salary schedule.

Councilman Maloney further suggested that where a department has three vacant positions, one could be eliminated and that trips could be cancelled except those mandated by law.

Councilwoman Smith said that the Board has spent hours going through the budget and that we must look at not filling 1% of vacant positions. She said that the zero budget in past years reflected less numbers and less spending. She said we have to look into vacation buybacks; that controls are needed because right now no approval is required for the buybacks. She went on to say that Recreation summer programs basically are self sufficient and carry themselves. However, we must look into the winter programs as some are only 46% self sustaining and some winter programs under 50% may need to be eliminated.

Councilwoman Smith went on to say that the Counseling Center is costing us \$330,000.00 and is not reaching one tenth of one percent of the Town and asked is this necessarily a Town function? She stated that as far as Environmental programs are concerned Mike Araneo is doing a great job at the landfill and perhaps he should run the compost program. She said that maintenance of Mini Trans buses should be taken care of by the County.

Supervisor Holbrook agreed stating that Clarkstown businesses are generating the sales tax and businesses need police and other services. If the Town stopped the Mini Trans the County would have to fill that void immediately. The \$270,000.00 in revenue from the County is only a beginning.

Councilwoman Smith said if the money is there it should be turned into services. Everyone she is talking to wants their road paved.

The Town Board then had a discussion of the roads that had been paved in the Town of Clarkstown.

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Supervisor Holbrook stated if we get two and half million dollars in revenue sharing Clarkstown's portion would be \$860,000.00 next year. Councilman Mandia said that he believed Councilwoman Smith needs to be commended for the amount of time and effort she expended arranging the workshops last week.

Councilman Mandia said we have to temper some of the programs offered. He didn't think it was wise to expand part time salaries. He also suggested that the Departments that are using Town cars should be given notice about terminating their use. Vacation buybacks must be approved with a 50% cut across the Board. Revenue sharing - Clarkstown is pumping out all the money and is entitled to a portion until we have a County assessment. Councilman Mandia said the water and electric bills have to be studied. He said in the future he would suggest having workshops before introducing the budget. He said he would not vote for a 5.3% before now. He is prepared to vote for a 4.9%.

Comptroller Ed Duer said he was concerned on the revenue side because the estimates fluctuate in both directions.

After discussion among Town Board Members Councilman Maloney moved the budget as amended reflecting a 5.1% increase.

RESOLUTION NO. (837-1994)

Co. Maloney offered and Co. Mandia seconded

WHEREAS, a public hearing pursuant to Town Law Section 108, to consider the Town of Clarkstown Preliminary Budget for the year 1994, was duly scheduled and noticed for October 24, 1994, at 8:30 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, as amended, a copy of which is attached hereto, be and is hereby adopted as the Annual Budget of the Town of Clarkstown for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of January, 1995, 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 Suprvisor 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.

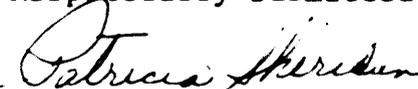
On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilman Maloney.....Yes
Councilman Mandia.....Yes
Councilwoman Smith.....Yes
Supervisor Holbrook.....Yes

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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 Councilman Mandia and unanimously adopted, the Special Town Board Meeting was declared closed, time 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA SHERIDAN,
Town Clerk