

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town Hall

11/3/2004

7:00 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Alex J. Gromack
Council Members Lasker, Maloney, Mandia & Nowicki
Marsha Coopersmith, First Deputy Town Attorney
Patricia Sheridan, Town Clerk

Supervisor declared the Town Board Meeting open. Assemblage saluted the Flag. Town Clerk read the notice for the public hearing. Supervisor opened the public portion of the meeting.

Morton Gilbert
West Nyack

Said that he is against the budget because the streets around where he lives are in terrible disrepair and nobody can tell him when the streets will be repaired.

There being no further business and no one further wishing to be heard, on motion of Co. Nowicki, seconded by Co. Maloney and unanimously adopted the Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. (859-2004)

Co. Maloney offered and Co. Nowicki seconded

WHEREAS, a public hearing pursuant to Town Law Section 108, to consider the Town of Clarkstown Preliminary Budget for the year 2005, was duly scheduled and noticed for November 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium of the Clarkstown Town Hall, 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, with the changes noted therein, 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, 2005, and that such Budget, as so adopted, be entered in detail in the proceedings of the 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.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Lasker Yes
Councilman Maloney Yes
Councilman Mandia Yes
Councilwoman Nowicki Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

Co. Mandia said that the preliminary budget as reported by the Journal News has been pared down from 7% to 6.4% and could have been lower if the Town did not have to fund the pension that is a State-mandated expense.

Supervisor Gromack explained that the town is obligated by the State to fund the pension cost that fluctuates all the time based on the amount the State Comptroller makes in previous years. The part of the increase in the budget is the increase in the cost to the State for pension funds and to make up-front payments and not drag the payments through a period of years.

Joe Tarangelo
New City

Said that whoever works for the county should have the right to choose their mutual funds to take the burden off the Town when the funds lose money.

Co. Mandia explained the difference between the 401K and the pension system.

Supervisor explained that the pension system is different from 401K and the Town does not make-up for how much is lost through the pension. The cost for the pension depends on NY State making a profit in the pension fund.

There being no further business and no one further wishing to be heard, on motion of Co. Maloney, seconded by Co. Lasker, and unanimously adopted, the Town Board Meeting was closed, time 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Sheridan
Town Clerk