

**Preliminary Budget meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **November 4, 2010** at 7:30pm in the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, New York.

Roll Call: Fred Monroe, Mike Packer, Edna Wells, and Karen DuRose. Steve Durkish - absent.

Public attending meeting: John West - Parks and Rec.; Wayne and Laurie Kennedy and June Maxam.

Supervisor Monroe opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm.

Supervisor Monroe asked if the public would like to go through the budget line by line. They did not feel that was necessary.

Two line items were reviewed and changed.

**General Fund A1620.2 increased to \$8,500.** This reflects an increase of \$5,500 for the purchase of an outside double sided sign that would display meetings and events. Discussion on purchasing a single sided LED electronic sign, cost approximately \$14,000 or a double sided sign with changeable letters that cost approximately \$4800 plus cost for base.

**General Fund A7110.2 reduce equipment -\$24,500.** This was taken out of the 2011 budget.

With the above changes the total increase from 2010 to 2011 is about \$.12/thousand ( general and highway).

Questions from the floor:

Number of full time employees in parks department and part time and who receives benefits - 3 full time in parks and usually a maximum of 3 part time. Benefits are for full time employees. Time cards reflect where employees worked, this could be parks, sidewalks, cemeteries, Dynamite hill.

Supervisor Monroe stated that a new grader, \$208,000 is included in budget.

Court revenue was up, mortgage tax and sales tax revenue is down; sales tax is down, but has come up some.

June inquired about the Chestertown Fire District budget. She request that it be noted in the minutes: "that the Fire District preliminary budget was not adopted on time, it is in violation of the law. Was suppose to be adopted 21 days before the public hearing and it wasn't." She felt that it tends to through off the process.

She also questioned whether it could be in the tax levy. She stated that "under Town Law 181 the requirement is the fire district has to adopt their preliminary budget 21 days before their hearing. Hearing is set by law as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in October, so therefore they would have had to adopt their preliminary/proposed budget no later than September 28<sup>th</sup>. They failed to do so."

She did not see how a final budget could have been adopted.

Supervisor Monroe will check with Warren County attorney in regards to June's statements.

**RESOLUTION #123: AUTHORIZE ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011.**

Introduced by Mr.Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.DuRose:

WHEREAS, this Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for 2011, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Preliminary Budget, as amended and revised, and as hereinafter set forth, is hereby adopted, and that the several amounts stated in the column entitled Schedule A 1, Schedule DA 1, Schedule L, Schedule SF 1, and Schedule SW 1, Schedule SP 1, CDBG, and HW (well #1 - Cap.Project) be and they hereby are appropriated for objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in Schedule 5 of such budget shall be and hereby are fixed at the amounts shown therein effective January 1, 2011.

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Discussion on substitute custodian and to check to see if former substitute is still available, if not advertise.

**RESOLUTION #124: ADVERTISE FOR SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN.**

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.DuRose to advertise for substitute custodian, when Paul Parks is on vacation.

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Motion by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Packer the Town Board went into Executive session at 8:00pm to discuss CSEA collective bargaining - health insurance. Motion by Mrs.Wells 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Packer Town Board resumed regular session at 8:30pm. No action taken.

**Motion** by Mrs.DuRose meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

