

Present: Supervisor Urban Hirschey, Councilman Brooks Bragdon, Councilman John Byrne, Councilman Clif Schneider, Highway Superintendent Dan Hubbard, Attorney Gebo and approximately 45 residents.

Supervisor Hirschey opened the public hearing on the proposed budget at 6:02pm with the pledge of allegiance. A slide presentation was given showing the breakdown of the funds and the various areas of funding the Town receives. Supervisor Hirschey talked about the tax ratios and reviewed the various water districts. He gave the figures and reported that the town will see an increase in the tax levy of .76%. He said that he would like to create a five year plan which will be a good planning tool.

Supervisor Hirschey said that the Town Board would like to have an audit done next year. The following comments were made from the residents regarding the budget:

Dave LaMora asked if the sales tax portion of the budget came from sales tax generated in just Cape Vincent and did the Board have an idea of how much will be spent on the Article X process.

Don Mason asked about the attorney's fees. He also said that the Town tax rate is up 40% because the Town did not buy down the County tax rate. He also expressed his concern regarding the increase in the salary for the Town Clerk.

Jim Wiley spoke regarding his concerns of the increase in the Town Clerks salary. He said he talked with the Town of Lyme and did some comparisons.

Al Wood spoke regarding the poor timing in increasing the salary of the Town Clerk because we are in a recession. He said he is not in favor of the increase.

Supervisor Hirschey made the motion to close the public hearing at 6:30pm, seconded by Councilman Byrne.

Supervisor Hirschey opened the regular Town Board meeting at 6:30pm.

Privilege of the floor:

Darrell Burton talked about the formation of water district 7. He said that the project had gone dormant and that there is new interest in getting it going again. He supplied a report and recommendations from Matt Cooper of Bernier and Carr. He asked the board what they need from the homeowners to get this going as many residents are without water.

Jim Wiley gave a review of the history of Cape Vincent from the schools district consolidation to the prison and now wind farms. He said the town lost home rule when it let the wind project go to Article X. He said the Board should use more digression when spending town funds.

Dave LaMora thanked the Town Board for the meeting on Oct. 23 with Richard Chandler. He thanked them for doing a good job and he said he would like the Board to invite Ben Price to help construct ordinances.

Paula Bourquin said that she took a petition around and had people sign it to form water district 7. She expressed her concerns as the water situation is getting worse as wells are trying up.

Sam DeLong talked about the lack of water along Stony Point and Lisa Dr. She said the town lost revenues because people closed their cottages early because they had no water.

Julie Gosier said the sales tax the Towns receive is based on the number of residents. She also spoke about the accounting firm that the Town of Lyme has hired.

The minutes of the Oct. 18, 2012 meeting were accepted by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. The minutes of the Emergency Special Meeting held Oct. 29, 2012 were accepted by Councilman Byrne, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. All were in favor.

Financial Report – Councilman Bragdon reported that the Town received a substantial amount of sales tax money over the last month. He reviewed the accounts and the balances in the various accounts. He said the Town will pay for the salt barn next month.

Highway – Dan Hubbard reported on the work the highway crew has completed. He said that the County Rt 6 job is now done. He said they will re-due County Rte 7. The plow trucks are ready and the salt barn is ready for the top cover. Dan reported that the only damage from hurricane Sandy was a tree down and he broke a taillight in the cleanup. The small lighthouse in front of the highway garage is almost complete.

Planning Board – Councilman Bragdon reported on the events of the meeting. He also said the Board discussed the new fees.

ZBA – Councilman Schneider reported on the events of the meeting. He talked about amendments to the zoning law that will need to happen from time to time.

School – Councilman Schneider reported that he had attended a meeting with regard to the PILOT program. He said that PILOTS are project specific. He said the schools would like to know when they can find out about projects involved in a PILOT program as they do not want to be the last to know because it affects them.

ZO – Jim Millington told everyone that he is getting used to the territory and he is enjoying his job. He invited everyone to come in and visit him as he can help with various projects. He said the changes to the zoning law are significant and it has stumped some people.

Village – Councilman Byrne reported on the events of the Village Board meeting. He said that the bids on the 4<sup>th</sup> filter will be open. The Village Board discussed giving comment on the Article X process. He said they discussed police help on French Festival.

Supervisor Hirschey reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> filter is the Villages responsibility to install and the Town and DANC's responsibility to pay for. There was a meeting with DANC, the Town and Village.

#### Resolution 54

Resolution 54 was moved by Councilman Byrne, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. Resolution 54 was the adoption of the preliminary budget for the fiscal year 2013. There was no discussion. Supervisor Hirschey, Councilmen Byrne, Schneider and Bragdon all voting AYE.

#### Resolution 55

Resolution 55 was moved by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Byrne. Resolution 55 was giving the Supervisor permission to pay the County \$17,342.35 from the general fund for the tax map maintenance charge. There was no discussion. Supervisor Hirschey, Councilmen Schneider, Bragdon and Byrne all voting AYE.

#### Resolution 56

Resolution 56 was moved by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. Resolution 56 was to reappoint Cyril Cullen for a 5 year term to the Planning Board. There was no discussion. Supervisor Hirschey, Councilmen Byrne, Bragdon and Schneider all voting AYE.

#### Resolution 57

Resolution 57 was moved by Councilman Byrne, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. Resolution 57 was to reappoint David Docteur for a 2 year term as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. There was no discussion. Supervisor Hirschey, Councilmen Schneider, Bragdon and Byrne all voting AYE.

#### Resolution 58

Resolution 58 was moved by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Byrne. Resolution 58 was to approve the new zoning fees set forth by the Planning Board. There was no discussion. Supervisor Hirschey, Councilmen Byrne, Schneider and Bragdon all voting AYE.

A motion was made by Councilman Schneider to approve the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. Bills: WD4 #6-7, \$16569.70; WD5 #6, \$4936.80; WD3 #11, \$2157.30; Highway fund #214-234, \$209471.69; General Fund #408-448, \$39244.79.

Councilman Byrne made the motion to adjourn at 7:20pm, seconded by Councilman Schneider.

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Michelle Bouchard, Town Clerk