

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 4, 2010 AT 7:00 PM AT TOWN HALL, ONE OVEROCKER
ROAD, POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Myers
Councilman Lecker
Councilman Eagleton
Councilman Conte
Councilman Krakower
Councilman Tancredi
Town Attorney Hagstrom
Deputy Town Clerk Salvatore**

**Absent: Councilman Cifone
Town Clerk Miller**

Supervisor Myers: We had to have this Special Meeting this evening because the budget law says that the Clerk has to have the budget presented before October 5th. We will not be having our next regular meeting until October 6th and so we had to have this special meeting tonight to present the Budget so we are not breaking any of the rules.

10:04-SM 1 PRESENTATION

Deputy Town Clerk Salvatore To
Present 2011 Tentative Budget To
Town Board

Deputy Clerk Salvatore presented the Supervisor's Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

Supervisor Myers gave a video presentation on the mandatory expense increases that will have to be included in the 2011 Budget and some expenses (\$93,000) to the Board of elections, for example, that are not included in the budget, but will have to be paid.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

Town Supervisor Myers: The economy is not bouncing back as quickly as we would like and there were lots of expenses. No income to speak of and lots of expenses.

The A Fund:

The A Fund makes up the biggest percent of the Budget. It is 16% of the Budget and is made up of all Town services within Town Hall Building, primarily. They are Town Board, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Highway Administration, Recreation, Automotive, Data Processing, Comptroller, Legal, Courts and Police.

The B Fund:

The B Fund is all services outside of Town Offices and outside Village of Wappingers but who are part of the Town. They are the Building Department, Planning Department, Zoning Department and Police. (57 % of the Budget)

The D Fund:

The D Fund is the Highway Department (26% of the Budget). They are road repair snow removal, leaf pick up, transfer stations and drainage.

Last year to this year there is an 8% increase in each Fund.

Some impacts we have little or no control over are the following:

MTA Taxes (\$67,760) People who live here and work here but still have to pay MTA taxes.

Our Insurance agent estimated a 5% increase in liability and auto insurance. (\$24,671) He hopes to possibly lower it. He may have better numbers by beginning of November, which doesn't help us now.

There is an increase in the Retirement System over last year. (\$53,663)
Regular retirement (78%) over last year \$978,590 and Police retirement (24%) over last Year \$1,654,982. 1.6 million paying for non-police employees' retirement.
Total increase of \$125,210.00.

Also, this year, Dutchess County is laying a charge back fee on us for elections which is estimated at \$93,000. Last election was \$56,000, it has increased that much in 5 years. I don't think they have the actual figures yet. However, talking to Dutchess County Real Property Tax through Geoffrey Patterson and County and State, we are looking into passing a local tax and listing as a separate item on the tax bill. I'd rather not put it into our budget. It's not in our budget at this time, but if the Budget Committee wants to put in, they can put it in as they will have to be paid.

Regular Retirement the State determined up 78% over last year and last year was \$547,148. Police Retirement up 24% over last year and last year was \$1,332,764.00.

This year's cuts. There was originally a 15% increase. There was \$50,000 cut for Grinnell Library as they are not in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The salary for the Assistant Engineer position was cut as he is retiring by the first of the year, and a reduced mortgage tax income. It is down to \$890,000 and was \$100,000. Total tax rate increase for 2011 is 11.2%. The increase in the budget over last year is 8.20%. \$1.1 million is covered under fixed expenses and \$1 million taken out of budget to cut expenses. Over all increase is ½ million dollars over last years budget.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING CLOSED AT 7:34 PM

Following the closing of the Special Meeting, with an audience still present, four requests for proposals for the Arlington Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade were opened. The four were for the Arlington Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and the four were Severn Trent, United Water, F. Zani and Veolia Water.

