

The Town Board of the Town of Cambridge called a Special Meeting on November 5, 2008, 7:00 PM, at the Town Hall, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the proposed 2009 Preliminary Budget and the 2009 proposed Fire Protection Contract with the Village of Cambridge.

Members present: Supervisor JoAnn Trinkle
Councilwoman Carol Imhof
Councilman Frank Ziehm
Councilman Joel Nichols
Councilman Ted Berndt

Others present: Town Clerk Sally Eddy, Highway Supt. Eric Shaw, Bookkeeper Margaret Shaw, William Watkins, Gerald Skiff, Lou Imhof

Supervisor Trinkle called the meeting to order and presided.

Fire Protection Contract

At 7:00 PM Supervisor Trinkle opened the public hearing regarding the proposed 2009 Fire Protection Contract with the Village of Cambridge Fire Department. The term of the contract is for a period of one year in the amount is \$26,023. That represents a \$51.00 increase over 2008. Since there were no comments from the public, the hearing closed at 7:02 PM.

2009 Preliminary Budget

At 7:06 PM Supervisor Trinkle opened the public hearing regarding the 2009 proposed Preliminary Town Budget. She stated it was a barebones budget and proceeded to review the increased Appropriations stating there is a 3% raise for all full time employees, \$300 increase for the attorney, \$500 increase in landfill contractual for testing the wells, the three fire protection contracts were increased for a total of \$351, mileage for code enforcement was raised.

Decreased appropriations were: \$1000 less in supervisor's contractual because of the elimination of attending the annual Association of Towns meeting in New York City, \$250 less in the equipment line for control of dogs, \$5000 less in DB contractual.

Revenue decreases were: \$20,000 less in mortgage tax, Planning Board fees down \$100, building permits down \$1000, interest income was down.

Final budget figures: total appropriations \$930,006, less estimated revenues of \$265,475, less unexpended balance of \$101,000, resulting in \$563,531 to be raised by taxes. It's a 4.2 % increase over 2008.

Supervisor Trinkle stated that the S495 Exemption Impact Report is now required to be attached to the Annual Budget beginning in 2009. It lists all current exemptions and their total equalized value. Among the exemptions, she commented the town has 181 agriculture exemptions, 17 agricultural building exemptions and 19 silos and manure storage tanks exemptions for a total of approximately \$16,000,000. This contributes to keeping the town agricultural and rural.

Resident William Watkins asked Supt. Eric Shaw some questions about the workings of the highway department. Superintendent Shaw responded to Mr Watkins.

After all comments were received, the hearing closed at 7:12 PM.

Resolution by Councilman Frank Ziehm
Seconded by Councilwoman Carol Imhof

Resolved and Determined, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge does hereby adopt the 2009 Preliminary Budget as the Annual Budget for the Town of Cambridge beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009 with budget figures of \$930,006 total appropriations, less \$265,475 in Estimated Revenues, less \$101,000 in Unexpended Balance, resulting in \$563,531 to be raised by taxes.

Vote: 5 – Ayes 0 – Noes

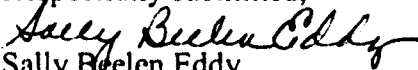
Resolution by Councilman Joel Nichols
Seconded by Councilman Frank Ziehm

Resolved and Determined, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge does hereby approve the 2009 one year fire protection contract with the Village of Cambridge Fire Department in the amount \$26,023.00.

Vote: 5 – Ayes 0 – Noes

There being no further business before the Board, meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Beelen Eddy
Town Clerk