

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2011

A Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, was held on November 10, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Stony Point Community Center (Rho Building), 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, New York. Supervisor William Sherwood called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk, Joan Skinner, called the following roll:

PRESENT:	Mr. Geoffrey Finn	Councilman
	Mr. Louis Vicari	Councilman
	Mr. James White	Councilman
	Ms. Luanne Konopko	Councilwoman
	Mr. William E. Sherwood	Supervisor

ABSENT: None

Supervisor Sherwood indicated that a very short agenda was put together since there were a few items that needed to be discussed:

PBA RETIREMENT INCENTIVE – CHANGES

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to reduce the number of required retirements needed to activate the PBA Retirement Incentive Plan from three to one.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to adjourn into executive session at 7:04 pm to discuss certain disciplinary charges.

RECONVENE

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to reconvene the November 10, 2011 Special Budget Workshop Meeting at 7:30 pm.

DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the suspension of two employees retroactive to the date of the incident and filing of disciplinary charges in the form approved by special counsel.

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by a roll call vote of those board members present to approve the following purchase orders:

Golf Course			
PO#2359	Harrells		\$13,068.00
PO#2360	Metro Turf Specialists		\$32,835.70
PO#2361	Terre Co.		\$30,080.00

AUDIT OF BILLS

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk, presented the following bills to the Town Board for audit and a motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Councilwoman Konopko abstained) to approve the bills as presented for payment.

Contractual General – October

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>BILL TOTAL</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	1203-1244	\$ 654,011.50	\$ 654,011.50
Highway	435-450	\$ 74,568.68	\$ 74,568.68
Sewer	708-726	\$ 59,559.02	\$ 59,559.02
<u>Special Districts</u>			
Enterprise	492-512	\$ 78,655.66	\$ 157,155.66
Street Lighting	12-12	\$ 22,184.83	\$ 22,184.83

General – November

General	1245-1313		\$ 90,150.05
Highway	451-483		\$ 135,531.63
Sewer	727-752		\$ 16,007.25
<u>Special Districts</u>			
Ambulance	21-21		\$ 26,220.25
Enterprise Fund	513-533		\$ 18,607.26
Solid Waste	27-28		\$ 21,570.45

2012 BUDGET HEARING

Supervisor Sherwood opened the public hearing at 7:32 pm.

The following public hearing notice was presented:

**TOWN OF STONY POINT
PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF STONY POINT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012 AT RHO BUILDING, 5 CLUHOUSE LANE, STONY POINT, NEW YORK, ON **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011 AT 7:00 PM**, AND THAT AT SUCH HEARING ANY PERSON MAY BE HEARD IN FAVOR OR AGAINST THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS COMPILED, OR FOR OR AGAINST ANY ITEM THEREIN CONTAINED, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF THE TOWN LAW THE PROPOSED ANNUAL SALARIES ARE HERE SPECIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

SUPERVISOR	\$ 78,464.71
TOWN BOARD	\$ 13,341.05
TOWN CLERK	\$ 65,519.19
TAX RECEIVER	\$ 50,112.95
SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS	\$ 75,555.93
TOWN JUSTICES (2)	\$ 40,311.34 EACH

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD-OCTOBER 11, 2010-JOAN SKINNER-TOWN CLERK

PUBLIC INPUT

Sgt. Jay Wood-PBA President spoke urging the Board not to cut funding or positions at the Police Department in the interest of safety and to be able to continue to give the people of Stony Point the quality of police services they have grown to expect for the last 30 years.

Ralph Heavner-Oak Ct. spoke indicating that at some point the Board must realize that it is impossible to make any further cuts. He commended the Highway Dept for the exemplary job during recent extreme weather conditions and the Police Dept for the exemplary job responding to two recent incidents in his neighborhood.

Former Chief of Police Steven Scurtie, spoke recapping the history of the police department, urged the Board to use professionals such as the chief, in the budget process, pointed out several areas of concern to the residents and indicated that the tax base must be increased, stating that police & town services are a top priority to someone looking to invest in the town.

Chief Brian Moore spoke, recapping staffing levels for 2010, 2011 and 2012, indicating that understaffing jeopardizes the safety and security of the community. He also presented a power point presentation showing a rise in crime statistics within the town, indicating his pride in the department for a job well done in spite of understaffing. Chief Moore continued by offering his belief that the most prudent funding option would be to BAN the funding to maintain the positions needed in the department and covering the cost of retirements.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to close the public hearing on the 2012 preliminary budget at 8:29 pm.

CHANGES TO PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to accept the following two changes to the 2012 Preliminary Budget:

Reduce General Fund Health

Account # A9060.8

Levy- minus \$87,275

Explanation-reduced health rates & revised 2% cap calculation interpretation by
OSC

Fire District

Other Districts - \$1,520,520

Explanation-Fire District Budget Submission

Total Levy=\$12,650,242

Total Other Districts=\$2,578,440(1.2442%HS- 6.667% NHS)

SET BUDGET MEETING

A motion was made by Councilman Vicari, seconded by Supervisor Sherwood and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to set a special budget workshop meeting for Monday, November 21, 2011 at 8:30 pm.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman Vicari and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to adjourn the November 10, 2011 special budget workshop meeting at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Skinner
Town Clerk