

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2010

A Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, was held on November 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Stony Point Community Center (Rho Building), 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, New York. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following roll call was recorded:

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

ABSENT: None

Supervisor Sherwood explained that this is a special meeting of the Town Board called to consider the preliminary budget, to hear any proposals for a final budget the board might have, and to hear from the public regarding this issue.

PUBLIC INPUT

Lilly Ann Wilson, Fonda Dr. asked the Board to consider the tax burden and increase in taxes would have on the seniors.

John Wood, President of the Stony Point PBA spoke regarding the overwhelming sentiment from all the other meetings for no layoffs in any departments and urged to Board to use attrition to gradually reduce the work force and approve a budget with no layoffs or reduction in services.

Cyril Kerr, Executive Board Member of Rockland County PBA and town resident spoke urging the Board not to proceed with slated layoffs of five police officers, indicating that a 25% reduction in the police force will have a negative impact on the community.

Kathy Windsor, Jenkins Ave spoke about the overall tax situation in the Town and all of Rockland County, especially the high school taxes and high salaries being paid to teachers and police.

Virginie Calvao, Brewster Ave. spoke against layoffs, urging the Board to look for other avenues to increase revenues.

Barbara Hansen, Spring St, Tomkins Cove spoke against layoffs. She collected 260 signatures in 3 days urging no layoffs, cuts in services or closing of Rho Building.

James McDonnell, Ann Ave urged the Board to reconsider any layoffs and to take a year to explore ways to reconstruct the tax burden.

Bill Ryan, President of the Rockland County Shields urged the Board to consider not only the short term but the long term ramifications of laying off police officers.

Danielle Hughes, Church St, Tomkins Cove spoke against layoffs at the police department and concerns regarding public safety if those layoffs should occur.

Susan Filgueras, Mott Farm Rd. questioned how the Town managed to get in this current condition.

Christian Delisio, Filors Lane spoke against layoffs and urged the Board to address the loss of \$1.5 million each year at the golf course.

Jennifer Teichman, Church St, Tomkins Cove urged the Board to be more informative as to how and why this situation arose and to listen to the people when they speak.

George Mulligan, Higgins Dr asked the Board not to sell the cell tower as suggested, spoke about the cash flow deficit at the golf course, and urged the Board to market and sell the golf course now to generate revenue for the Town.

Public input ended at 7:45 pm.

Discussion developed between Town Board members and Chief Brophy.

Councilman Vicari made a motion to amend the preliminary budget by restoring the funding necessary to avoid the layoffs in whatever departments require those increases.

No second was made.

Executive Session

At 8:45 pm a motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Supervisor Sherwood and carried by a voice vote to adjourn into executive session to discuss a specific personnel issue.

Reconvene

At 9:08 pm a motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and unanimously carried by a voice vote to reconvene the meeting.

Supervisor Sherwood called for a motion to adopt the final budget.

None was made.

Adoption of Final Budget

The preliminary budget that was duly adopted by the Town Board on _____, 2010, by operation of Town Law § 109(3) and General Construction Law § 25-a, became the final annual budget of the Town on November 22, 2010, with no revisions, amendments or alterations approved by the Town Board.

Adjourn

At 9:09 pm a motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman White and unanimously carried by a voice vote to adjourn the November 15, 2010 Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Stony Point Town Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Skinner
Town Clerk