

**STONY POINT TOWN BOARD SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY BUDGET**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2010**

A Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, was held on November 4, 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

**Executive Session**

At 7:01 pm a motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and carried by a voice vote to adjourn into executive session at the request of the President of the CSEA to hear a proposal from that group.

**Reconvene**

At 7:52 pm a motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and carried by a voice vote to resume the meeting.

**Adoption of Preliminary Budget**

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Supervisor Sherwood to accept the changes to the Tentative Budget submitted by the Finance Director and to adopt the Preliminary Budget with the said changes incorporated in it.

The following roll call vote was recorded and the motion was duly **adopted**:

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Ms. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**Public Hearing Preliminary Budget**

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk, presented the following 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, 2011 AT RHO BUILDING, 5 CLUBHOUSE LANE, STONY POINT, NEW YORK, ON **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010 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	\$ 58,040.40
TOWN BOARD	\$ 9,744.21 EACH
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 14, 2010-JOAN SKINNER-TOWN CLERK

The public hearing was opened at 7:55 pm

### **Public Input**

Ralph Heavner, Oak Ct, a town resident and owner of two businesses in Town spoke indicating that with the current economy, he understands the request to trim expenses; however, there is concern about the arbitrary percentage of reductions imposed on department heads to be completed at any and all costs. Urged the Board to protect the safety of the residents, continue to attempt to attract businesses and eliminate layoffs.

Tim O'Neill, Jackson Dr, does not believe that layoffs are for the good of Stony Point and the safety of the residents. Praised the entire workforce of the Town and urged the Board to reconsider layoffs. Asked what a 15% increase would amount to in dollars.

Kathleen Leroy indicated that the Town has failed to address the budget crises by not raising taxes in small amounts each year. This is not an expense problem; it's a revenue problem and should not be placed on the backs of those who protect the town. Why was this not foreseen and why were two officers hired this year only to be told they would be laid off. Savings should be accomplished through attrition, not reduction in services.

George Mulligan, Higgins Dr. spoke indicating that in reviewing assessments for major properties, such as Mirant, you could see from as early as 2000 there would be a major tax reduction in commercial revenue in the Town, therefore, a large residential tax increase this year should not have been a surprise and did not occur overnight. Feels it was irresponsible to hire new police officers this year only to lay them off in the same year. Spoke about the continued cash flow deficit at the golf course and the need for long term planning. If the Town is attempting to attract businesses it is not prudent to cut services. Mr. Mulligan presented a Property Tax Analysis of the average assessed residential property in the town with no exemptions.

Barbara Hansen, Spring St, Tomkins Cove spoke indicating that a cut in any services would be detrimental to the Town. The Highway Department offers many services to the residents, not just snowplowing. Our parks offer recreation for the children and the seniors deserve a meeting place such as Roe Building. Safety is an important issue, don't compromise it.

### **Close Public Hearing**

At 8:40 pm a motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and carried by a voice vote to close the public hearing.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:41 pm a motion was made by Councilman Vicari, seconded by Councilman White and carried by a voice vote to adjourn into executive session.

### **Adjourn**

At 9:50 pm the November 4, 2010 Special Budget Workshop Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Skinner  
Town Clerk