

**LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING &  
2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2012**

The Town Board of the Town of Lumberland held a Special Meeting and Public Hearing for the 2013 Preliminary Budget on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 6 p.m., at the Municipal Building in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Nadia Rajsz opened the meeting at 6 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was administered to those members present:

Supervisor Nadia Rajsz  
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Joseph Carr  
Councilman James Akt  
Councilman Ron Thiele  
Councilman Jay Shafer

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Deputy Town Clerk Hedwig Brush, Caroline Akt, Martha Tully, Sophia Martynec, David Leamon, Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr. and Deanna Rajsz.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that the first thing on the agenda was to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2013 Preliminary Budget.

Councilman Akt made a motion to recess the Special Meeting at 6 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried. Councilman Akt made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 6 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET – 6 P.M.**

**OPEN FLOOR FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME**

Supervisor Rajsz reported that the 2013 Preliminary Budget included a 1% increase in the Highway Contract that has not been finalized yet. Supervisor Rajsz noted that this proposed budget is \$37,000.00 lower than last year's budget so they don't have to worry about the 2% tax cap. Supervisor Rajsz stated that her one suggestion would be to reduce the website contractual on page 4, noting that they brought that budget down to \$1,000.00 from \$3,000.00. Supervisor Rajsz reported the Central Communications Fund was reduced by \$1,000.00 since it had been previously raised in case the server crashes but our server has been replaced recently. Supervisor Rajsz reported that she brought down the Contingency Fund but that can be changed, if needed.

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Supervisor Rajszyk reported one major change is on page 6, noting that she is proposing that the Parks Maintenance and Maintenance man come out of General Fund and be put under Highway Fund because the Highway supplies the truck and equipment maintenance uses. Supervisor Rajszyk noted that the \$30,000 salary for this position would be moved from the General Fund to the Highway Fund. Councilman Akt questioned if this maintenance man would now go with the Highway Dept. and who would be the boss over the maintenance man? The Highway Superintendent stated that the Board would still oversee the maintenance man and he would continue doing his maintenance work. Councilman Akt questioned if Supervisor Rajszyk had asked John VanderMark if that is what he wants? Supervisor Rajszyk stated she has talked to him briefly. Councilman Shafer stated that it is a conflict, noting that more than half of VanderMark's work is municipal and the Highway Superintendent would be in charge if he is under highway. Martha Tully questioned if they were considering privatizing the maintenance position? Councilman Akt stated they were not considering privatizing any position. Supervisor Rajszyk stated that the maintenance position is better suited under the Highway Fund than the General Fund. David Leamon questioned if you add a head count to Highway would that automatically fall under the increase to the Highway contract. Leamon questioned if there had been a cost analysis of what the net cost would be on the impact if he would get the same increase as the highway. Supervisor Rajszyk noted it would be a 1% increase on \$30,000.00. Councilman Akt noted that they are trying to do the best thing for the taxpayer. The Highway Superintendent stated that they would change the Highway Contract to include that additional person with the same description as what the maintenance man does now. Councilman Thiele noted that then this person would automatically get a pay increase every time the Highway gets an increase. Supervisor Rajszyk stated that VanderMark feels he is under Highway and feels he should be getting the 1% increase. Leamon questioned if an analysis was done and if it showed that it may be cheaper to out source the position shouldn't that be considered. Supervisor Rajszyk stated that they need to decide whether to keep the maintenance salary under General Fund or move it to Highway. Supervisor Rajszyk stated that they need to make the decision by next Thursday to approve the final budget. Councilman Akt stated he felt that it would cost more to privatize. Caroline Akt suggested Councilman Thiele work up some numbers to see what it would cost to privatize the work by next week's meeting. Councilman Carr stated they can discuss this further at the workshop meeting next week.

### **OPEN FLOOR FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> TIME**

Sophia Martynec reported that it was discussed at the previous meeting regarding the budget that the majority of the Board agreed to no raise, however, many people have heard that the municipal employees would be getting a raise after all. Supervisor Rajszyk

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reported that when the Public Hearing had to be advertised the Town Clerk questioned how it should be posted and the Supervisor recommended putting in the 1% increase because the salaries could be lowered but cannot be raised once it is posted. Supervisor Rajszy noted that they are still negotiating the Highway Contract and that was left at 1% increase, however, it does not mean that the municipal employee will also have to be given that amount.

The Highway Superintendent stated that if they decide to put the maintenance man under Highway he would only be answering to the Highway Superintendent.

### **OPEN FLOOR FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> TIME**

Sophia Martynec questioned how will the Special District show up on the tax bills? Supervisor Rajszy reported that the Special District amount will only show up on the owners of the new subdivision in Chapin Estates tax bills and not anyone else's in town.

Supervisor Rajszy reported that the Comptroller's Office is talking about charge backs from the County, noting the question was do these charge backs get added into our budget, which would be an increase to our budget. Supervisor Rajszy noted it has been a conflicting direction and not sure what we are doing yet. Supervisor Rajszy noted that even with the 1% increase to salaries we are still \$37,000.00 lower than last year's budget, and if the 1% increase is eliminated it represents an additional \$6,700.00 less.

Sophia Martynec questioned when do we find out about the County budget? Supervisor Rajszy noted that the original increase from the County was not acceptable and the County is still working on their budget.

The Board members agreed they do not need to get quotes for privatizing the maintenance work because the work is already being done by the maintenance man. The Board members discussed the proposed 1% increase to salaries and decided to discuss it further at the workshop meeting. The Board members agreed to recess the Public Hearing and continue it at the Workshop Meeting.

Councilman Carr made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Councilman Shafer, all in favor, so carried. Councilman Akt made a motion to reopen the Special Meeting at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Councilman Thiele, all in favor, so carried.

Martha Tully, Caroline Akt, David Leamon, Supervisor Rajszy and the Board members had a discussion regarding the recent postings on Face Book. Supervisor Rajszy stated

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that she took offense to the postings and Councilman Akt stated the postings need to stop.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

#141 - Supervisor Confidential Asst. Appt.

#142 - Hire Firm for Emergency Plan Update

#143 - Approve Expenditures from Anticipated 2012 Fund Balance

Supervisor Rajsz stated she needs someone in her office and would like to hire Christina Salak.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she had the Grant Writer compile a list of grants they have received over the last few years. Supervisor Rajsz noted that the expenditures she would like to have done with monies from this year, noting that the Grant Writer has found a grant with a 75% reimbursement for the purchase of a backup copier.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she received a letter from Knack, Pavloff & Company regarding the procedure to review the auditing standards of the town. Supervisor Rajsz reported they have given a quote of \$9,000 to do a review. Councilman Carr reported he had requested the review since the Supervisor and the Bookkeeper have total control of the town monies and even though the Board members approve the expenditures he would like to show that everything is being done correctly. David Leamon questioned why there was only \$5,000 in the budget for the audit? Supervisor Rajsz reported that is the amount they pay the bookkeeper to do an annual financial report to the Comptroller's Office.

Councilman Carr reported he has gotten quotes for the replacement of the Town sign that was damaged during the storm, noting the prices are the same.

Supervisor Rajsz reported they have gotten a lot done in the last three years with improvements on the town buildings. Councilman Carr noted that if we get the projects done now by using the surplus funds this year we will not have to budget the monies for them next year.

## **OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC**

David Leamon questioned what was the amount of unanticipated fund balance?

Supervisor Rajsz reported they anticipate a fund balance of \$118,000.00

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Councilman Shafer made a motion to recess the Special Meeting at 7:06 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Shafer made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m., to discuss the Highway Contract, seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried.

Councilman Carr made a motion to close the Executive Session at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried. Councilman Carr made a motion to reopen the Special Meeting at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Councilman Thiele, all in favor, so carried.

Councilman Carr showed the Board members the various signs available for the replacement sign for the Town buildings. Councilmen Carr and Thiele agreed that the sign proposed by Nicole Camacho was the best. Councilman Carr made a motion to approve Camacho's sign and it was unanimously seconded, all in favor, so carried.

Supervisor Rajsz reported they received the NPS monies for the Constables patrolling the river corridor.

Councilman Akt made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m., seconded by Councilman Thiele, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn,  
Town Clerk