

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 Rte. 295
Chatham, NY 12037
Special Town Board Meeting
2015 Budget Presentation
October 6, 2014 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Supervisor Jesse DeGrootd Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel
Councilman Henry Swartz
Councilman Maria Lull
Councilman Bob Balcom
Councilman Jean Rohde

Others: Citizens Finance Committee members David Levow, Aven Kerr (Jeff Lick absent)

Supervisor DeGrootd called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor DeGrootd stated that the Town's maintenance worker, Larry Stupplebeen will be retiring on October 31, 2014. Peter Latham has been appointed to replace Larry with a start date of Monday, October 20, 2014.

Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel presented the Tentative 2015 Budget to the Board.

Supervisor DeGrootd asked the board to review the budget and bring back questions and comments to the October 9, 2014 Budget Meeting. Recreation Director Shari Franks will be in attendance to answer questions pertaining to the Park and Recreation budget. Highway Superintendent Joe Rickert will be in on October 16th to go over the Highway budget.

Budget highlights.....

- Outside the Village: the 2014 tax rate - \$3.20/thousand, 2015 - \$3.30/thousand. Inside the Village: 2014 - \$1.63/thousand, 2015 - \$1.75/thousand.
- Municipal insurance is up by \$5K.
- Salaries: 3% increase for 2 Court Clerks, the Assessor and Confidential/Highway Secretary. Assessor Clerk up to \$12.00/hr., Town Clerk/Tax Collector up \$3K, Comptroller up \$7K. Highway increases as per union contract.
- Recreation Director salary down to \$21K
- Salt costs have risen 27%
- Borrow \$210,000 for highway equipment purchases.
- Highway (DB5130.4) decreased by \$30K.

The Citizens Finance Committee will review the budget and come back with comments on October 9th.

Motion was made by Councilman Swartz to adjourn at 7:30 PM, Councilman Rohde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Anne Rippel
Town Clerk