

Town of Washington Town Board

October 1, 2007

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held a special meeting on Monday, October 1, 2007, at the Town Hall, Reservoir Drive, Millbrook. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Florence Prisco with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Allan Rappleyea and Michael Murphy, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor Laura Hurley, Highway Superintendent James Brownell, Building Inspector Jim Tyger and Zoning Administrator Jack Neubauer. Mayor Andrew Ciferri was also present.

Mayor Ciferri advised the Board that the Village has a month to month agreement with Alamo for rescue services through the end of 2007, at a cost of \$9,400.00 per month. The village has to go to bid for services beginning in 2008. The estimated cost will be about \$190,000.00. Councilman Rappleyea said he was disappointed that the Village Board did not take Alamo to task for going back on their original agreement that they stated in December, 2006 that they would not raise their fee for all of 2007. Mayor Ciferri said that he expects to seek proposals in the near future.

The proposed 2008 budget was presented to the Board for their review. The budget includes the "wish lists" of all departments. The major increase in the budget is the increase in the fire and rescue budget. Other increases include payment of debt for the park land purchase, \$80,000.00 for the farmland protection of the Marshall property, Comprehensive Master Plan funding and salary and benefit adjustments.

Mr. Tyger and Mr. Neubauer were present to discuss the Building and Zoning departments. Mr. Tyger said that the Building Inspector, when combined with the duties of Sole Assessor, is a position that requires more time dedicated to it then he is able to give. Mr. Neubauer is a certified building inspector and is willing to step into the position if the Board so desires. Mr. Tyger discussed the hours needed to effectively run the building department, as well as salary adjustments for their consideration. The Board also discussed possible increases in fees. Mr. Neubauer volunteered to provide information to the Board regarding other community fees.

Highway Superintendent Brownell gave a brief presentation on the Highway Department budget. He was able to decrease several line items. He is requesting the addition of one full time position.

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Rappleyea, the meeting was closed at 9:10 PM. All ayes were recorded.

Mary Alex, Town Clerk