

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN HALL, MAHOPAC, N.Y.**

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel was called to order by Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt on the 8th day of November at 7:10 p.m. at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York. Members of the Town Board present by roll call were: Councilman Schneider, Councilman Lupinacci, Councilwoman McDonough, Councilman Lombardi and Supervisor Schmitt.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was observed prior to the start of official business and a moment of silence was observed to honor those serving in the United States Armed Forces.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD - PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES THAT MAY BE LEVIED BY THE TOWN OF CARMEL, COUNTY OF PUTNAM PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C

Supervisor Schmitt asked the Deputy Town Clerk to read the following Notice of Public Hearing as published in the Town's official newspaper:

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible to consider the adoption of a local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c; as follows:
Town of Carmel
Local Law No. ____ of the Year 2012
A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c
A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c
Section 1. Legislative Intent
It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes (b) fire protection districts and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority.
This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.
Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.
The Town Board of the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2013 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law § 3-c.
Section 4. Severability.
If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.
Section 5. Effective date.
This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.
By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Ann Spofford, Town Clerk

With no one objecting to the public notice as read, Supervisor Schmitt opened the Public Hearing for public comment at 7:11 p.m. Approximately one hundred and eighty (180) people were in attendance.

With no one present wishing to be heard on the subject of the Public Hearing, on motion by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Lupinacci, with all members of the Town Board present and in agreement, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

**SEQR DETERMINATION MADE IN REGARD TO PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO
OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW
3-C - TYPE II ACTION**

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby determines that, proposed Local Law #5 of 2012 concerning amendments to Town of Carmel Town Code Chapter 4 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c” is a Type II action under SEQR and no further review is necessary.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Schneider
Seconded by: Councilman Lupinacci

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Jonathan Schneider	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
John Lupinacci	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

**LOCAL LAW #5 OF THE YEAR 2012 - A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX
LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C - ADOPTED AS
PRE-FILED, NOTICED AND PUBLISHED**

**Town of Carmel
Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2012
A local law to override the tax levy limit established in
General Municipal Law 3-c**

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

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Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.

The Town Board of the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2013 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be

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adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Resolution
Offered by: Councilman Schneider
Seconded by: Councilman Lupinacci

Roll Call Vote	YES	NO
Jonathan Schneider	X	
John Lupinacci	X	
Suzanne McDonough	X	
Frank Lombardi	X	
Kenneth Schmitt	X	

PUBLIC HEARING HELD REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012

Supervisor Schmitt asked the Deputy Town Clerk to read the following Notice of Public Hearing as published in the Town’s official newspaper:

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF CARMEL
PRELIMINARY BUDGET
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing on the 7th day of November, 2012 at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in regard to the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year 2013 including the General Town Fund, Highway Funds as well as all Water Districts, Sewer Districts, Park Districts, Fire Districts, Fire Protection Districts and Lighting Districts, and
BE IT FURTHER NOTICED that pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following officials for fiscal year 2013 are hereby specified as follows: Supervisor: \$94,882.00, Town Council Members (ea): \$18,490.00, Town Clerk: \$80,280.72, and Highway Superintendent: \$101,808.72;

AND BE IT FURTHER NOTICED, that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Carmel has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York, where it is available for public inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
At said Public Hearing any resident may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled or for or against any item or items contained therein. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.
By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Ann Spofford, Town Clerk

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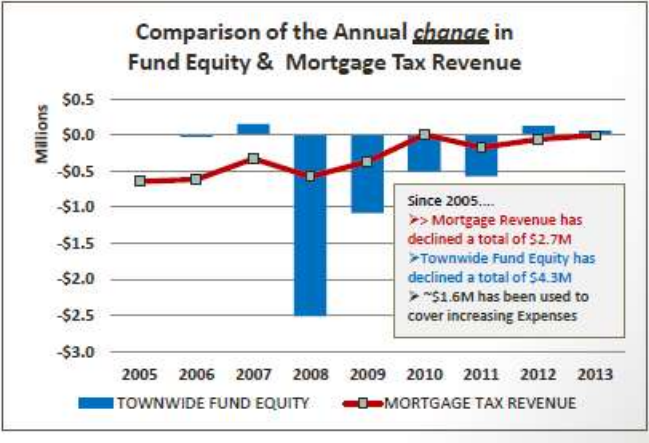
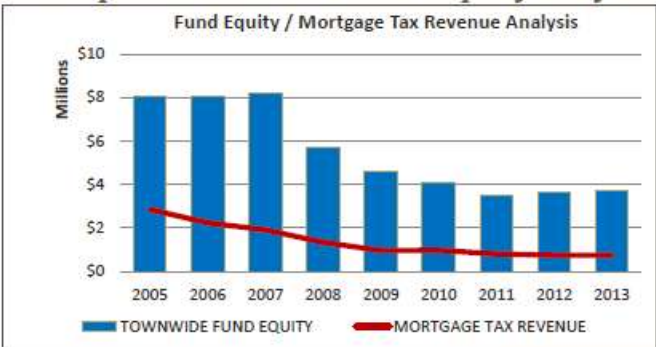
With no one objecting to the public notice as read, Supervisor Schmitt opened the Public Hearing for public comment at 7:15 p.m. Approximately one hundred and eighty (180) people were in attendance.

Supervisor Schmitt announced that there have been no changes made from the Tentative Budget to the Preliminary Budget. He noted that the Final Budget must be adopted by the Town Board by November 20, 2012.

Mary Ann Maxwell, Town Comptroller, reviewed her previous presentation to the public on the proposed budget along with the following additional addendum:

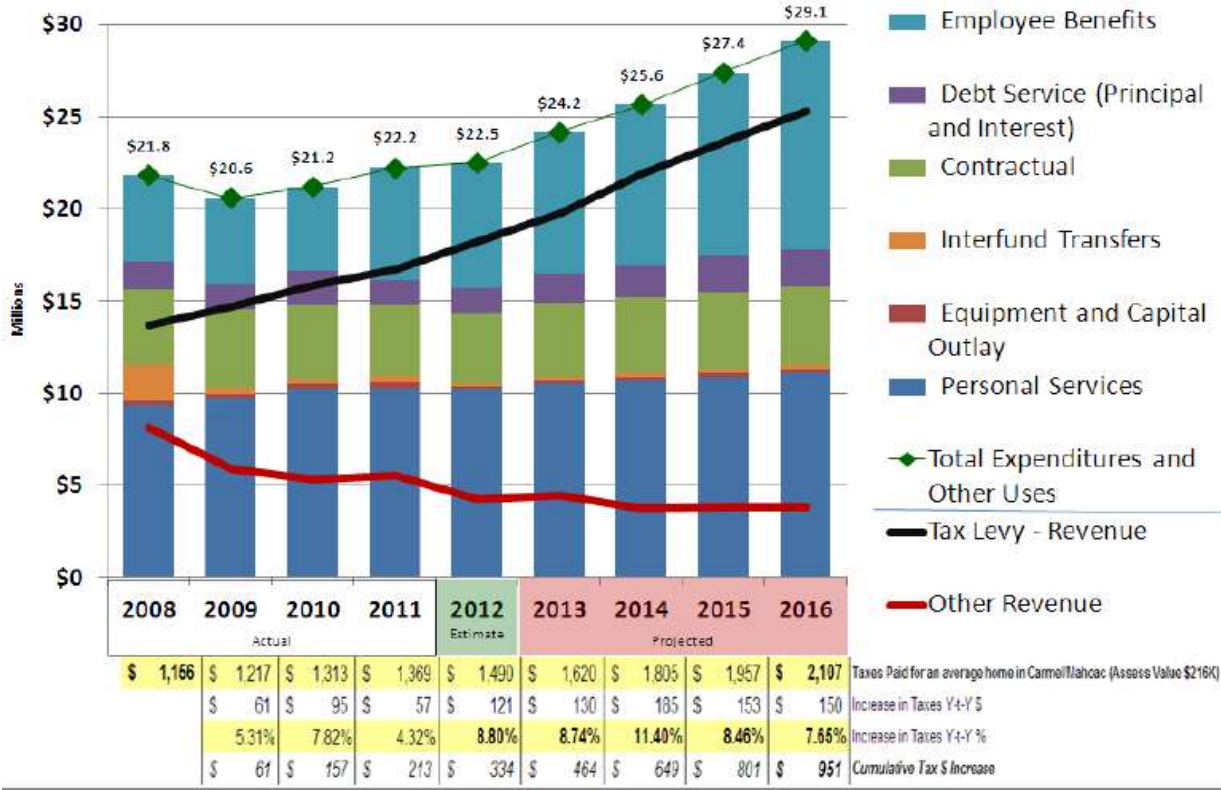
Addendum to Oct. 17th presentation – Review of the 2013 Budget and out years

The increasing Expense Base of the Town is the primary driving reason for increasing Taxes. The decline in our Mortgage Tax Revenue and the depletion of the Fund Equity only compound the situation.



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Town of Carmel Expense and Revenue Review and Projections



Review of Out Years – 2014-2016

TOWN OF CARMEL
Four Year Financial Plan, Fiscal Years 2013-2016
General Fund

	2008	2009	Actual	2010	2011	Estimated	2012	2013	2014	Projected	2015	2016	Avg Annual Inc 2008-present	Year to Year change
Revenues														
Real Property Tax and Tax Items	9,183,909	10,036,807	10,991,905	11,704,089	12,780,094	14,089,569	15,002,835	16,306,699	17,583,949				9%	10.2%
Department Income	809,479	614,923	682,191	576,888	587,428	632,400	639,845	648,148	657,105				-4%	-0.0%
Intergovernmental Charges	604,054	681,775	707,846	757,575	758,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000				6%	-1.1%
Use of Money and Property	262,554	125,797	85,903	63,991	65,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000				-29%	-7.7%
Licenses, Permits, Fines	694,241	565,539	536,362	644,463	588,000	631,500	637,350	643,376	649,582				-4%	7.4%
Sale of Property, Insurance Recoveries	29,742	22,737	50,066	35,315	40,223	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000				8%	0.0%
Misc. Local Sources/Interfund Revenue	84,849	148,442	95,725	144,071	77,500	73,000	73,915	75,153	76,416				-2%	-5.8%
Total State Aid	1,665,808	1,214,577	1,270,547	1,145,427	992,008	928,462	932,212	939,750	954,975				-12%	-6.4%
Total Federal Aid	63,204	15,956	0	157,821	0	-	-	-	-				-100%	1.3%
Interfund Transfers	0	8,315	5,000	5,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000				N/A	1.7%
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$13,397,840	\$13,434,968	\$14,425,546	\$15,234,610	\$15,995,253	\$17,193,931	\$18,125,157	\$19,452,125	\$20,761,028				5%	7.5%
Expenditures														
Personal Services	6,987,335	7,345,501	7,714,083	7,684,139	7,830,174	8,073,211	8,234,675	8,399,369	8,567,356				3%	3.1%
Equipment and Capital Outlay	191,791	201,464	271,984	377,739	143,968	139,500	139,500	139,500	139,500				-7%	-3.1%
Contractual	2,774,374	2,829,607	2,624,605	2,486,666	2,516,625	2,510,066	2,535,167	2,585,870	2,637,587				-2%	-0.3%
Debt Service (Principal and Interest)	450,000	450,000	460,000	460,000	540,000	624,500	635,000	807,000	781,000				5%	—
Employee Benefits	3,596,687	3,373,972	3,617,416	4,364,262	4,873,273	5,546,654	6,340,815	7,280,387	8,395,585				8%	13.8%
Interfund Transfers	1,900,000	370,060	212,134	340,000	10,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000				-73%	0.0%
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$15,902,187	\$14,570,604	\$14,900,222	\$15,712,806	\$15,914,046	\$17,133,351	\$18,125,157	\$19,452,125	\$20,761,028				0.0%	7.7%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,504,347)	(\$1,135,636)	(\$474,676)	(\$478,196)	\$81,213	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0				0.0%	5.8%

TOWN OF CARMEL
Four Year Financial Plan, Fiscal Years 2013-2016
Highway Fund

	2008	2009	Actual	2010	2011	Estimated	2012	2013	2014	Projected	2015	2016	Avg Annual Inc 2008-present	Year to Year change
Revenues														
Real Property Tax and Tax Items	5,179,327	5,424,816	5,639,816	5,747,179	6,245,488	\$6,422,125	\$6,884,252	\$7,313,124	\$7,715,610				5%	2.8%
Department Income	11,261	10,078	2,451	1,476	8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000				-8%	0%
Use of Money and Property	48,838	32,333	16,225	6,153	10,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000				-33%	-10.0%
Sale of Property, Insurance Recoveries	36,837	36,587	88,192	112,078	50,000	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$41,000				8%	-18.0%
Misc. Local Sources	45,652	53,172	3,010	3,469	3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000				-49%	66.7%
Total State Aid	206,504	155,212	318,478	83,295	322,725	\$322,720	\$322,402	\$342,374	\$352,845				12%	0.0%
Total Federal Aid	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				N/A	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	400,000	370,060	212,134	490,000	10,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000				-50%	0.0%
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$5,928,419	\$5,082,258	\$6,280,306	\$6,443,617	\$6,643,203	\$7,047,845	\$7,519,653	\$7,958,498	\$8,371,255				3%	6.0%
Expenditures														
Personal Services	2,409,188	2,390,575	2,505,136	2,538,581	2,417,370	\$2,420,476	\$2,468,886	\$2,518,263	\$2,568,628				0%	0.1%
Equipment and Capital Outlay	12,539	19,034	14,897	18,431	18,500	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$20,500				10%	10.8%
Contractual	1,395,547	1,408,516	1,450,039	1,323,810	1,321,057	\$1,517,975	\$1,548,336	\$1,579,302	\$1,610,888				-1%	14.9%
Debt Service (Principal and Interest)	1,040,000	903,770	1,411,050	890,000	840,000	\$900,000	\$1,140,000	1,228,000	1,244,000				-5%	—
Employee Benefits	1,072,979	1,307,487	929,351	1,766,069	1,907,632	\$2,108,893	\$2,341,932	\$2,612,432	\$2,927,239				15%	10.6%
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0	0	100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				N/A	-100.0%
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$5,930,253	\$5,029,382	\$6,310,473	\$6,536,911	\$6,604,558	\$7,047,845	\$7,519,653	\$7,958,498	\$8,371,255				3%	6.7%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,834)	\$2,876	(\$30,167)	(\$93,294)	\$44,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				0.0%	5.8%

Review of Out Years – 2014-2016

TOWN OF CARMEL
Four Year Financial Plan, Fiscal Years
Total Budget: General Fund & Highway Fund

2013-2016

	Actual				Estimated	Projected	Projected			Avg Annual Inc 2008-present	Year to Year change				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		2013	2014	2015	2016	
Revenues															
Real Property Tax and Tax Items	14,383,236	15,461,823	16,631,721	17,451,234	19,025,583	20,511,694	21,887,086	23,619,823	25,299,560	7.3%	7.8%	6.7%	7.9%	7.1%	
Department Income	820,740	825,091	684,642	678,366	695,426	664,400	667,845	666,148	665,106	-4.1%	-7.9%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	
Intergovernmental Charges	604,654	661,775	707,846	757,575	759,000	759,000	759,000	759,000	759,000	5.8%	-1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Use of Money and Property	311,352	188,136	102,126	70,144	75,000	579,000	579,000	579,000	579,000	-29.9%	5.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Licenses, Permits, Fines	684,241	565,539	536,362	644,463	589,000	563,150	563,350	564,376	584,952	-4.1%	7.4%	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	
Sale of Property, Insurance Recoveries	86,579	59,324	139,256	147,391	99,227	523,000	523,000	523,000	523,000	7.9%	-4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Misc. Local Sources/Interfund Revenue	130,501	261,614	98,736	147,558	60,500	578,000	578,915	580,153	581,416	-11.4%	-3.1%	1.2%	1.6%	1.8%	
Total State Aid	1,872,312	1,369,889	1,589,025	1,228,677	1,314,726	1,125,182	1,264,614	1,282,123	1,307,620	-8.5%	-4.8%	1.1%	1.4%	2.0%	
Total Federal Aid	63,204	15,956	0	157,821	0	50	0	0	0						
Interfund Transfers	400,000	378,376	217,134	496,000	17,000	5247,000	5247,000	5247,000	5247,000	-64.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$19,326,259	\$19,517,226	\$20,705,852	\$21,678,227	\$22,644,462	\$24,241,776	\$25,644,810	\$27,419,623	\$29,132,283	4.0%	7.1%	5.8%	6.9%	6.3%	
Expenditures															
Personal Services	9,396,623	9,736,076	10,219,219	10,222,720	10,247,544	10,493,987	10,703,561	10,917,632	11,135,985	2.2%	2.4%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	
Equipment and Capital Outlay	204,330	220,496	288,881	396,170	162,458	160,000	160,000	169,000	169,000	-5.6%	-1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Contractual	4,169,821	4,239,123	4,074,644	3,810,476	3,637,682	4,028,042	4,083,502	4,165,472	4,248,476	-2.1%	5.0%	1.4%	2.0%	2.0%	
Debt Service (Principal and Interest)	1,450,600	1,353,770	1,871,050	1,350,000	1,389,000	1,604,500	1,775,000	2,035,000	2,025,000	-1.9%	16.3%	10.6%	14.6%	-0.5%	
Employee Benefits	4,671,666	4,881,458	4,548,767	6,130,361	6,780,905	7,655,547	8,682,747	9,892,919	11,322,823	9.8%	12.9%	13.4%	13.9%	14.5%	
Interfund Transfers	1,900,000	370,096	212,134	340,000	119,000	249,000	249,000	249,000	249,000	-60.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$21,832,440	\$20,589,986	\$21,210,695	\$22,249,717	\$22,518,589	\$24,181,776	\$25,644,810	\$27,419,623	\$29,132,283	0.8%	7.4%	6.1%	6.9%	6.3%	
Surplus (Deficit) (to be added or subtracted from Fund Balance)	(\$2,506,181)	(\$1,082,760)	(\$504,843)	(\$571,490)	\$125,863	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0						
Budget															
	Type	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Estimate	2013 Budget	2014 Projected	2015 Projected	2016 Projected	Avg Annual Inc 2008-present	Year to Year change			
General	Expenditure	16,902,187	14,570,504	14,900,222	15,712,806	15,914,440	17,133,931	16,125,157	18,452,125	20,761,028	0.0%	7.7%	6.9%	7.3%	6.7%
	Revenue	7,399,560	5,231,306	4,690,508	4,865,229	3,959,501	3,810,962	3,122,322	3,145,427	3,177,079	-15.0%	-1.2%	-18.1%	0.7%	1.0%
General Total		8,502,627	9,339,298	10,209,316	10,857,577	12,055,539	13,323,069	15,002,835	16,306,699	17,583,949	9.1%	10.5%	12.6%	8.7%	7.8%
Highway	Expenditure	5,939,253	6,029,382	6,310,479	6,536,911	6,604,559	7,647,845	7,519,653	7,958,458	8,371,255	2.7%	6.7%	6.7%	5.8%	5.2%
	Revenue	749,052	657,442	640,490	695,442	403,720	625,720	635,402	645,374	655,645	-14.3%	55.0%	1.5%	1.6%	1.6%
Highway Total		5,181,161	5,371,940	5,669,983	5,840,469	6,200,839	6,422,125	6,884,252	7,313,124	7,715,610	4.6%	3.6%	7.2%	6.2%	5.5%
Grand Total	Expenditure	21,832,440	20,599,885	21,210,695	22,249,717	22,518,599	24,181,776	26,644,810	27,419,523	29,132,283	0.8%	7.4%	6.1%	6.9%	6.3%
	Revenue	8,148,552	5,888,748	5,331,396	5,551,671	4,262,221	4,436,582	3,757,724	3,799,800	3,852,724	-15.0%	4.1%	-16.3%	0.9%	1.1%
Total Budgeted - Tax Levy (need to tax to cover Expenditures)		13,683,788	14,711,238	15,879,299	16,698,046	18,256,378	19,745,194	21,887,086	23,619,823	25,299,560	7.5%	8.2%	10.8%	7.9%	7.1%
Assessed Value		2,568,419	2,619,963	2,622,812	2,643,914	2,656,793	2,642,569	2,629,297	2,618,150	2,603,070					
Total Rate per 1,000 Assess Value		5.3319	5.6151	6.0543	6.3157	6.8716	7.4721	8.3243	9.0285	9.7191	6.5%	8.7%	11.4%	8.5%	7.6%
Tax Rate Increase Y-T-Y			5.31%	7.82%	4.32%	8.86%	8.74%	11.40%	8.46%	7.65%					
Average Assessed Home in Carmel/Mahopac \$ 216,800															
		\$ 1,160	\$ 1,217	\$ 1,313	\$ 1,369	\$ 1,490	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,805	\$ 1,957	\$ 2,107					
Tax Increase Y-T-Y \$		\$ 61	\$ 95	\$ 57	\$ 121	\$ 130	\$ 130	\$ 185	\$ 153	\$ 150					
Tax Increase Y-T-Y %		5.31%	7.82%	4.32%	8.80%	8.74%	11.40%	8.46%	7.65%						
Cumulative Tax \$ Increase		\$ 61	\$ 157	\$ 213	\$ 334	\$ 464	\$ 649	\$ 801	\$ 951						

Review of Debt Schedule						
DEBT ITEM DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Town Landfill Closure EFC Bond Debt Service	361,928	362,412	362,637	362,636	362,432	362,008
Town Drainage Bonds Outstanding	174,091	152,171	145,598	122,829	114,466	82,956
Town Highway Bonds Outstanding	886,876	816,438	929,527	936,819	891,647	816,273
Drainage BANS Outstanding (2010 Drainage, 2012 Drainage) (will sell to bond market October 2013)	11,334	11,233	55,980	51,426	49,492	48,402
Technology/Generator BAN Outstanding	11,334	51,267	60,285	61,925	61,435	59,800
Highway BANS Outstanding (2012 Machinery 1,405,000) (will sell to bond market October 2013)	5,278	24,561	50,473	96,691	97,920	97,702
Total Existing Townwide Debt Service	1,450,841	1,418,082	1,604,500	1,632,326	1,577,392	1,467,141
ANNUAL EXISTING RETIRING DEBT		(32,759)	186,418	27,826	(54,934)	(110,251)
Town-wide "Proposed" Revaluation - \$750,000				16,900	185,700	184,400
2013 Drainage Bond Request - \$200,000				14,645	14,573	14,478
2014 Drainage Bond Request - \$200,000				4,639	14,573	14,478
2015 Drainage Bond Request - \$200,000					4,329	14,478
2013 Highway Resurfacing Bond Request - \$600,000				55,349	66,249	65,792
2014 Highway Resurfacing Bond Request - \$600,000				5,109	68,749	65,792
2015 Highway Resurfacing Bond Request - \$600,000					5,269	65,792
2013 Highway Machinery Bond Request - \$500,000				41,799	45,429	44,559
2014 Highway Machinery Bond Request - \$500,000				4,233	47,929	44,059
2015 Highway Machinery Bond Request - \$500,000					4,808	44,031
FUTURE NEW DEBT "Proposed"			0	142,674	457,608	557,859
TOTAL NEW ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE	1,450,841	1,418,082	1,604,500	1,775,000	2,035,000	2,025,000
TOTAL NEW DEBT (NET OF RETIRING DEBT)		(32,759)	186,418	170,500	402,674	447,608
General Debt	558,687	577,083	624,500	635,000	807,000	781,000
Highway Debt	892,154	840,999	980,000	1,140,000	1,228,000	1,244,000
Total Debt	1,450,841	1,418,082	1,604,500	1,775,000	2,035,000	2,025,000

Review of Fire/Ambulance Districts – Historical and Proposed for 2013

Annual Contract amount of Fire/Ambulance									
Fire / Ambulance District	2009	% Increase	2010	% Increase	2011	% Increase	2012	% Increase	Proposed 2013
Carmel Ambulance	\$ 210,000	0.0%	\$ 210,000	0.0%	\$ 210,000	0.0%	\$ 210,000	0.0%	\$ 210,000
North Salem Ambulance	\$ 10,700	9.4%	\$ 11,700	4.3%	\$ 12,200	0.0%	\$ 12,200	0.0%	\$ 12,200
Mahopac Falls Fire Department	\$ 600,000	7.3%	\$ 644,000	4.8%	\$ 675,000	3.4%	\$ 698,000	0.0%	\$ 698,000
Mahopac Fire Department	\$ 1,439,931	4.0%	\$ 1,487,529	5.0%	\$ 1,572,405	2.0%	\$ 1,603,863	0.0%	\$ 1,603,863
Carmel Fire Department	\$ 450,000	2.2%	\$ 460,000	3.3%	\$ 475,000	0.0%	\$ 475,000	3.2%	\$ 490,000
Total Taxable Levy per 1,000 of Assessed Value									
Fire / Ambulance District	2009		2010		2011		2012		Proposed 2013
Carmel Ambulance	\$ 0.3006		\$ 0.3002		\$ 0.3300		\$ 0.2400		\$ 0.2500
North Salem Ambulance	\$ 0.3006		\$ 0.3002		\$ 0.3300		\$ 0.2400		\$ 0.2500
Mahopac Falls Fire Department	\$ 0.9044		\$ 1.0010		\$ 1.0000		\$ 1.0560		\$ 1.0590
Mahopac Fire Department	\$ 1.4294		\$ 1.5419		\$ 1.5700		\$ 1.6300		\$ 1.6332
Carmel Fire Department	\$ 1.4242		\$ 1.4694		\$ 1.4700		\$ 1.5075		\$ 1.5800
Number of Parcels in the District - 2012 Tax Roll									
Fire / Ambulance District	2009		2010		2011		2012		Proposed 2013
Carmel Ambulance	2,555		2,729		2,723		2,747		2,776
North Salem Ambulance	123		123		123		123		123
Mahopac Falls Fire Department	4,450		4,452		4,440		4,438		4,439
Mahopac Fire Department	5,694		5,691		5,650		5,673		5,660
Carmel Fire Department	1,731		1,905		1,900		1,925		1,953
Assessed Value									
Fire / Ambulance District	2009		2010		2011		2012		Proposed 2013
Carmel Ambulance	533,200,137		544,285,494		671,104,938		675,032,880		668,496,541
North Salem Ambulance	53,992,963		54,219,384		54,176,162		54,426,042		54,404,485
Mahopac Falls Fire Department	869,908,047		874,949,442		873,657,408		874,038,834		871,355,341
Mahopac Fire Department	1,199,441,557		1,193,436,645		1,200,998,206		1,200,119,610		1,197,128,434
Carmel Fire Department	404,097,197		415,815,199		411,895,003		413,445,165		407,354,593

Mary Ann Maxwell, Town Comptroller, and Councilman Lupinacci explained many items and answered questions regarding the information contained in the presentation. Councilman Lupinacci pointed out that the 2% tax cap imposed by the state was on the tax levy and not the tax rate. He explained some of the terminology used and explained how the bond rating from Moody's affects the town's borrowing rates. He also suggested that the public view the entire presentation on the town's website.

Councilman Lupinacci went on to make the following points:

The Town's fund balance is declining not only due to a decrease in mortgage tax revenue but also due to the use of the fund balance by previous Town Boards to keep tax increases down.

Employee expense and employee benefits are the biggest part of the town budget.

In 2009 the Town used one million dollars from the fund balance to produce a budget with a 5% tax increase.

The town is currently borrowing for paving and drainage to keep our infrastructure status quo.

Councilman Lupinacci asked the public to help the Town Board by offering solutions to benefit the employees and the taxpayers. He suggested ground rules for the public hearing asking that people be respectful of one another, no shout outs, and remember that the person at the podium has the floor.

Supervisor Schmitt said we should agree to disagree and there should be no personal attacks.

Sgt. John Dearman, Town of Carmel Police Benevolent Association (PBA) President, passed out signed petitions and explained that 3400 signatures were gathered over the previous two days against the proposed layoffs of three Town of Carmel Police Officers.

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Sgt. Dearman referred to a study done by the Department of Criminal Justice in 2007 of the Town of Carmel Police Department. The study concluded that the department was understaffed and suggested certain increases that have not yet been implemented. He noted that in 2011 there were 24,530 calls, some of which were routine, some of which were more dangerous but all were time consuming. He noted that over the last two years the Special Conditions Unit seized at least a dozen vehicles and over \$20,000.00 in cash from drug dealers. He further noted that both the Special Conditions Unit and the Traffic Safety Unit would be eliminated if three police officers were cut.

Sgt. Dearman stated that the PBA has not come to the Town Board before to complain, in the past they have worked with the Town Board to help regarding budget issues. He stated that fewer police officers would affect public safety. He noted that approximately 2/3 of the officers grew up in the Carmel – Mahopac area. He also pointed out that the town's population has increased since the late 1980's and early 1990's as has the criminal element, that this is no longer a sleepy lake town.

Sgt. Dearman suggested that the Town Board Members, as Police Commissioners, should come to the police department to spend time there and possibly do a "ride along". He stated that the layoffs of three police officers equates to \$50.00 per year per household or 14 cents per day per household. He stressed that the police department budget is not just numbers but is about public safety. Sgt. Dearman gave an account of a recent call where Laura Smith saved an infant's life noting that she would be the first officer to be laid off. He asked the Town Board Members to consider how much a child's life is worth.

Lt. Brian Karst representing the Lieutenant's Benevolent Association read a letter dated January 13, 1995 from then Town Supervisor Richard Othmer to Lt. Karst informing him that he was being laid off. He stated that he was as angry and emotional now as he was then because he felt that it was not necessary. He said this is an important issue and pointed out that if the community is not safe people will not want to live here.

Lt. Karst noted that the Police Department is a service organization and it takes personnel to provide services. He stressed that the proposed cuts would affect everyone and that this is an important issue that could result in longer response times and officer safety issues. He reported that during the recent storm there was a carjacking and other things going on at the same time that required professional police officers to handle.

Lt. Karst pointed out that in 1988 there were thirty-eight officers and now there were thirty-four. He said there are probably triple the calls now and the calls are more serious. He spoke about the proliferation of drugs in the town including prescription drugs and heroin and the rise in drug overdose deaths. He explained that there are two officers just for drug enforcement in the special conditions unit.

Lt. Karst commended the men and women in the Town of Carmel Police Department saying that they are second to none and work hard giving 110%. He also invited the Town Board Members to go on a "ride along" and spend some time in the Police Department. He mentioned that all three officers that would be cut are professional, educated, hardworking and outstanding officers.

Lt. Karst noted that people come here because the community is safe and the schools are good but that the proposed cut would have a demonstrable effect. He suggested that this issue should have been brought to the Police Department's attention before this point. He mentioned that the PBA contract would be running out in January 2013 and questioned if the threat of layoffs had to do with contract negotiations.

Lt. Karst concluded that the Town of Carmel is a great town and he has been in the Police Department for twenty-five years. He said that the three police officers slated to be laid off deserve better and that even the mention of layoffs can negatively affect moral. He told the Town Board, with all due respect, that police layoffs should be discussed as a last resort and asked the Town Board Members to consider how this cut would affect the community. Lt. Karst stated that he appreciated the opportunity to speak.

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James O'Neil, resident of Carmel, spoke representing the Fraternal Order of Police which is comprised of 75 different law enforcement agencies and stated that he is retired from the New York City Police Department. He commended the Town of Carmel Police Department noting their savvy and dedication. He stated that he was in the first group to be hired after the layoffs and that he came from the Bronx to the Town of Carmel.

Mr. O'Neil addressed their concern with the increase of drug activity in the area and stated that was why they go out of their way to recognize the Special Conditions Unit and the Narcotics Unit of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. He said he was familiar with the unique circumstances of fighting drugs and he felt that the work the Carmel Police Department is doing is extraordinary and that the public does not understand the complexity of these types of investigations. He pointed out that the work does not end with an arrest, that if the drug dealers get a foot hold here it will be over and that we have to be proactive. He went on to state that the only thing preventing that is the men and women sitting on Route Six at two or three o'clock in the morning. He quoted former Mayor Giuliani of New York City: "If we are not safe, we are not free." Mr. O'Neil concluded that we need every person working in law enforcement to remain at our disposal and continue doing the great work that they are doing.

Frank Chibbaro, Town of Carmel Police Officer and Vice President of the Police Benevolent Association, read a letter from Senator Greg Ball commending the work of the Town of Carmel Police Department during the recent storm. In the letter Senator Ball asks that no Town of Carmel Police Officers be laid off. Officer Chibbaro also read a letter from Assemblyman Steve Katz supporting the Town of Carmel Police Department and stressing the importance of the safety and protection of the residents of the Town of Carmel. Assemblyman Katz asked the Town Board Members to reconsider the proposed layoffs.

John Mulvaney, Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department, questioned the last slide of the budget presentation stating that all the pie charts show that the Fire Protection within the town is at most only 2% of the budget but that the last slide left a negative impression on the crowd. He stated that the Town Board has the Fire Departments financial statements and they are running at a deficit. He asked the Town Board to discuss the budget with them. Mr. Mulvaney explained that the Volunteer Firefighters are here to show a sign of solidarity with the Town of Carmel Police Officers pointing out that they are all emergency workers and have to work together. Mr. Mulvaney stated that all emergency service workers have a story they could share or an account that they will never forget. He then shared his story about arriving at a residence filled with smoke within minutes of getting the call to find a police officer already there in the house. That officer assisted a woman and her baby out of the house to safety. He questioned if the cost of saving that mother and baby was worth \$50.

Councilman Lupinacci responded to Mr. Mulvaney's question regarding the last side pertaining to the fire departments and explained that the slide he mentioned was not left for last intentionally to leave a negative impression. He then read from a letter from the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department declining an invitation to come before the Town Board to discuss the budget.

Mr. Mulvaney pointed out that at the end of the letter they asked the members of the Town Board to visit the Fire Department.

Hans Schweizer stated that although he had no solution for the budget issue at this time he also had a story about how the Fire Department and the citizens of the Town of Carmel rely on our police officers and how fewer officers can result in an increase in their response time putting the Fire Department volunteers at risk. He recalled an incident regarding a man with a weapon who was intending "suicide by police officer". The fire department got there first which is not a position he feels comfortable putting his people in. Mr. Schweizer noted that the Town of Carmel Police Officers are top notch, professional, do their job well and that you can't find better than the Town of Carmel Police Department.

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Chief Michael Johnson, Town of Carmel Police Department, said he would not reiterate the statistics already given by Lt. Karst and Sgt. Dearman. He suggested that the blame not be on the current Town Board but on past boards. He spoke about home values declining if the community is not safe and stated that the impact of laying off of three police officers would increase response time, endanger officer safety and endanger the public. He said the government provides services and that the Town Board Members do not see it from a public service prospective pointing out members of the Town Board who work in private industry. He pointed out that the impact of the proposed layoffs could possibly kill someone.

Chief Johnson stated that there have been discussions regarding getting rid of the midnight tours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. He told of his thirty-five years of experience as a police officer, including eleven as Chief of Police, and his degrees in Public Administration, Finance and Computer Management saying that he understood the budget issues but the members of the Town Board don't see his prospective.

Councilman Lupinacci expressed he respect and admiration for Chief Johnson and acknowledged his qualifications. He asked if the residents are currently paying for Putnam County Sheriff's Department services and then pointed out that we are. He questioned how many patrol cars the sheriff send to Carmel.

Chief Johnson responded that there were none, that we pay for services including backup and special services and the jail but not road patrol.

Councilman Lupinacci suggested that if one car was eliminated on Monday and Tuesday nights we can ask the Putnam County Sheriff's Department to send in a car that we are already paying for.

Chief Johnson responded that he has already spoken to the sheriff and they have no extra patrolman to come in and patrol in the Town of Carmel. He went on to explain that response time for backup is going to be much longer if we have to rely on the Sheriff's Department. He explained that now we only rely on the Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police for help in major investigations, narcotics investigations and parade details.

Councilman Schneider pointed out that although he does work in private industry he formerly worked for the New York City Police Department and was in the Marine Corp. He indicated that he didn't want to lay anyone off, he understands the police officer's perspective and that they all have to work together.

James Dipelesi, resident of Mahopac for forty-eight years, recounted two incidents when he had to call the Town of Carmel Police Department for help and how they responded. He pointed out that the police are our first line of defense and questioned if this was the time to be reducing their numbers with terrorism so rampant. He suggested that we may actually want to increase our number of police officers.

Gerard Ahler asked if the Town Board has actually said they were going to lay off three police officers. He said that regarding the Sheriff's Department, they will not come and he asked if we have received any money back from Putnam County. He said that the Town of Carmel is a transient town and drug use is high. He told of a drug related burglary at his home. Mr. Ahler indicated that police officers should not be laid off but if we have to we should consider consolidation with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

Councilman Schneider responded that a meeting had been scheduled with Putnam County but had to be rescheduled due to the recent storm. He said it would be a closed meeting where they would have a round table discussion. He told the public he appreciated their ideas and recommendations. He stated that they need long term solutions and to work together.

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Mr. Ahler pointed out that the parades in town require police overtime costing a lot of money. He suggested that there be a fee for a parade permit to cover that cost.

Councilman Schneider explained that there has been discussion regarding changes to the fee schedule.

Mr. Ahler stated that we have to look at all the departments to find the money before any police officers get laid off.

Councilman Lupinacci acknowledged that we need to find a way to tighten our belts and that he felt the board was stuck between a rock and a hard place. He stated that the Town Board was looking at an incentive with the retirement system and they have been discussing putting together a package. He also stated they need to look at the scheduling of the police officers to try to reduce the overtime. He apologized to the Police Department for the short notice of the budget issues.

Councilman Lombardi reported that he has spoken with the county officials. He stated that we need to get more businesses but explained that the sales tax does not benefit the town, we have to ask the county to share. He suggested that residents contact members of the Putnam County Legislature to ask for our share of the tax revenue. He also questioned why there is a MTA tax on our residents and suggested that the town was being treated unfairly by the state. He acknowledged that no one wants to lay off police officers and he is aware of the drug problem in town. He addressed the need for a coalition with Putnam County.

Mr. Ahler asked about the \$40,000.00 IRS fine that the Town of Carmel had to pay and questioned why the taxes had been paid late. He concluded that if police officers are laid off the thieves and drug dealers will win.

Councilman Lupinacci pointed out that the Towns of Somers and Southeast have part-time police departments. He stated that if people want everything to stay the same they shouldn't complain about the rising taxes.

John Buonora stated that he relocated here from Queens in 2006. He explained that he approaches the possible layoffs from a law enforcement background of twenty-eight years. He stated that he was responsible for a budget of over fifty million and is now responsible for homeland security. He remarked that the cost savings of laying off the police officers was miniscule compared to the effect it would have on the Town of Carmel residents. Mr. Buonora questioned why non-essential personnel were not being looked at. He stated that it is the right of the citizen to be protected, that this is a public safety issue and would affect the future value of our homes. He concluded that the police are a social service agency and reductions should only be considered as a last resort.

Anthony Perruzza asked Supervisor Schmitt if the first draft of the budget had the three police positions cut.

Supervisor Schmitt responded that it did not.

Mr. Perruzza asked the Town Board Members by a show of hands who suggested the cuts.

Councilwoman McDonough responded that she will not vote for a budget with an 8.7% increase and explained that the possibility of layoffs has not been decided yet.

Mr. Perruzza stated that they will have to figure something out.

Detective Sgt. Jack Harney, Town of Carmel resident, stated that he has been a member of the Town of Carmel Police Department for the last fifteen years and that he had been a New York City Police Officer prior to that. He thanked the Emergency Service and Fire Corp volunteers pointing out that they perform a tough job and do not get paid. He explained that all police officers are trained as first responders and spoke about minimum manning issues. Det. Sgt. Harney asked the Town Board Members if

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anyone ran on the platform of less police officers and minimum manning in the police department.

Sgt. John Dearman stated that he has taken time off work to come back to the meeting to speak. He reported that he has worked with Chief Johnson on a new schedule that saves \$35,000. He spoke about charging for cars that are impounded and unfunded mandates from the state. He stated that it is the Town Board's job to work with the state on these issues. He questioned why part-time employees were getting health benefits and asked how many terms they have to serve to receive lifetime benefits.

Sgt. Dearman explained that most sheriffs' departments are not mandated to have road patrols. He spoke regarding an incident in Somers involving a home invasion where the Town of Carmel Police Department arrested the suspect, not the Town of Somers' part-time officers. Sgt. Dearman stated that the union will still try to work with the Town Board.

Kelly Vardakas stated that they were present because they are concerned about the town and would rather pay extra in taxes for the police department and feel safe. She noted that there are no garbage, sewer or water services but we do have police and other service personnel protecting her and her family. She said that if we continue to cut people it adds to the vicious cycle. If we cut those positions then more people will lose their jobs, they won't be able to buy a house, pay a mortgage or taxes.

Ms. Vardakas stated that people are here with ideas, not playing "chicken", they are concerned and the Town Board Members are acting indignant. She said that if the police officers are cut they will not be there in times of crisis at five o'clock in the morning and that people are going to die. She asked the Town Board not to cut the police officers as they are needed.

Ron Goodrow stated that the Town of Somers and Village of Brewster have the New York State Troopers for back up. He commented on the cost of the new website and suggested that possibly the school could create the website for nothing.

Michael Barile stated that he has been coming to Town Board meetings for twenty years and that it is great to see so many people come out to fight for the police officers' jobs. He pointed out that when Lou Fernandez, a former employee of the Recreation Department, was going to lose his job no one was here to fight for him. Mr. Barile mentioned that he has lived in this town for thirty-eight years and has had a business on Route Six for forty years. He stated that he is the father of three girls and pointed out that the first officer to be laid off would be a female officer.

Mr. Barile blamed the current budget crisis on the previous town boards. He praised Councilman Lupinacci as the straightest and bravest member ever on the board. He noted that the town is understaffed now and can't afford to lay off any more employees. He suggested that we look at the fee schedule and possibly double the current fees. Although he applauded the two new Town Board Members he expressed his opinion that part-time councilpeople should not get benefits or be paid. He stated that layoffs are a temporary solution and suggested consolidation.

Councilman Lupinacci commended Laura Smith on her professionalism and integrity.

Sam Brown, resident of Mahopac for thirty-three years, stated that he has a son in the Town of Carmel Police Department. He said he was concerned because he hasn't heard anything about what has been done to look at revenue sources. He questioned the taxes of the businesses in the Town of Carmel.

Councilman Lupinacci referred to dealing with the various town departments and the unions as a game of chicken in that they say they can't cut anything.

Ronald Williams, resident of the Town of Carmel for sixty years, stated that the Town of Carmel Police Department has always been there for him and that the board should not try to cut someone that provides public safety. He pointed out that Brewster is in bad shape and there has to be another way without cutting any police officers.

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Margaret Brown, resident of Mahopac, asked what percent was the \$50 per household increase of the 8.7% increase.

Councilman Schneider explained that the total increase would be \$125 and that \$50 is approximately 40% of that. He said that 3.5% of the 8.7% is police. He reported that since the financial crisis the CSEA is down 7 employees, Recreation – 3, Highway – 3, and the Police Department – 1.

Mrs. Brown asked where else are they looking to cut.

Councilman Lupinacci explained that they have looked at the Highway Department and were thinking of offering a retirement incentive.

Mrs. Brown stated that Town of Carmel has never been interested in big business. She offered her time to help with the budget.

Peter Creegan stated that he ran for the Town Board and was not voted in. He said he was a union member for thirty-two years and that if he was elected they wouldn't be having this discussion. He stated that it is important to come to a solution and make sure everyone has a job. He noted that as a member of a union you have to protect everyone.

John Molloy, resident of Mahopac for twenty years, related an incident where his daughter came home and found a burglar in the house. He stated that depending on Putnam County is not the answer. He explained that the Town of Carmel has the burden of land that has been taken off the tax roll including buildings on Gleneida Avenue and Old Route Six. He questioned if some of the county offices could be moved to other towns to share the burden of the tax revenue loss. He also mentioned the New York City Reservoirs and filtration plants stating that the Town of Carmel needs to get New York City to pay their fair share. Mr. Molloy pointed out that you are not only getting the mortgage tax when someone buys a house in town but other revenue as well.

Mr. Molloy spoke about municipal parking and the book "The Real Cost of Free Parking". He stated that it cost a fortune to require each store to have their own parking.

Councilman Lombardi responded that there was a proposal to sell some of the buildings on Gleneida Avenue and the legislature shot it down.

Chief Michael Johnson noted that Mt. Kisco and Pleasantville are not patrolled by Westchester County only the Town of Ossining is. He spoke about the proposed cuts, pointing out that the Town of Carmel Police Department also has CSEA workers and that they have lost two dispatchers already and his secretary is only half-time. He stated that as a manager he has to prioritize and decide where to cut.

Brian Egelson, Town of Carmel Highway Department employee and shop steward for the Teamster's Union, spoke about how the Town of Carmel Police Department and the Highway Department worked together during the recent storm to keep the roads safe. He pointed out that snow removal requires them to work round the clock and that the proposed layoffs put residents in harm's way. He stated that the tax impact is minimal compared to the safety issue.

Councilman Schneider noted that they have spoken to the Highway Department. He commended them on the work they did during Hurricane Sandy and thanked the Highway Department, the Town of Carmel Police Department and the CSEA members who volunteered. He also thanked the public for their patience.

Michael Sheil, Town of Carmel Police Officer, resident and small business owner, noted that Laura Smith is the only female officer and that she is a vital necessity, that a female officer is needed on staff for sex offense cases and dealing with juveniles and it would be detrimental to the department to lose her. He also noted that Officers Egan

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and Romeo came from NYPD, they were already trained and they left other jobs, taking a pay cut, to come work for the Town of Carmel. He stated that the fear of losing their jobs might make them look elsewhere for work causing the town to lose people that are highly trained.

Joe Wilowchowski, resident of the Town of Carmel, questioned what could be done differently and asked if the Town Board has looked at other towns to see what they are doing.

Councilman Schneider responded that the Town Board has looked everywhere, that cutting personnel will reduce services and that they are looking for other options.

Councilman Lombardi explained that other municipalities are using their fund reserves and that some are going bankrupt.

Councilman Lupinacci stated that every town is in the same dilemma and that the City of Peekskill is laying off sixteen police officers.

Edward Scott, a member of the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department for thirty-five years, remarked that the Town of Carmel is growing, there are more roads and more people, therefore you cannot cut the highway department. He suggested no raises and no layoffs.

Anthony Perruzza spoke about merging with Putnam County and warned that the police officers could be demoted in a merger.

Councilman Lombardi explained that if there was a merge the department would not be under the Sherriff's Office but a new department would be created.

Supervisor Schmitt commented on the number of speakers. He stated that he was happy to hear from the public and it was important that people came out to support our first responders. He explained that he does not support the layoffs but they have to look at every possibility to find a solution. He said they would begin discussions with the county if all of the officers would be kept and keep their rank. He stated that the days of a local police department are gone, that it is the way of the future for towns and villages to not have their own departments, and that it would save the town money.

Supervisor Schmitt addressed the need to put money back in the fund balance and to keep taxes down. He stated that there needs to be a balance, they have to look hard and they are asking everyone to work together. He expressed his hope that there would be no layoffs.

With no one else present wishing to be heard on the subject of the Public Hearing, on motion by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilwoman McDonough, with all members of the Town Board present and in agreement, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:45 p.m.

**MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 AND
OCTOBER 3, 2012 - ACCEPT AS SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN CLERK**

On motion by Councilman Councilman Lombardi, seconded by Supervisor Schmitt, with all members of the Town Board present and voting "aye", the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on September 19, 2012 were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk.

On motion by Councilman Councilman Lombardi, seconded by Supervisor Schmitt, with all members of the Town Board present, Councilman Schneider abstained from the vote and the remaining members voting "aye", the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on October 3, 2012 were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARD WORKDAY FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby establishes the following as standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report the following to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STANDARD WORKDAY</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>WORKDAYS PER MONTH</u>
Town Councilperson	Jonathan Schneider	6 hours	1/1/12-12/31/2015	20
Town Councilperson	John Lupinacci	6 hours	1/1/12-12/31/2015	20
Receiver of Taxes	Kathleen Kraus	7 hours	1/1/12-12/31/2015	20
Town Justice	Thomas Jacobellis	6 hours	1/1/12-12/31/2015	20
Town Clerk	Ann Spofford	7 hours	1/1/12-12/31/2015	20
Highway Superintendent	Michael Simone	7 hours	1/1/12-12/31/2015	20
Dog Control Officer	Kristen Creary Dyckman	4 hours	1/1/12-12/31/2015	20

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lombardi
Seconded by: Councilman Schneider

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Jonathan Schneider	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
John Lupinacci	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

ADDITIONS TO ACTIVE LIST OF MAHOPAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – AUTHORIZED.

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby authorizes the addition of the following names to the active list of the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department:

James Hecker

Jesse Dorazio

Michael Maguire

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lupinacci
Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Jonathan Schneider	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
John Lupinacci	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

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Supervisor Schmitt thanked the new members of the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department for their service to the town.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR DAILY CLEANING SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013 – AUTHORIZED

RESOLVED that, pursuant to the request of Michael Johnson, Town of Carmel Chief of Police, the Town Clerk of the Town of Carmel is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for daily cleaning services to be provided in the Town of Carmel Police Department for calendar year 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is to furnish detailed specifications for the above to Town Clerk Ann Spofford to be used in conjunction with the Town's general bid conditions and specifications.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilwoman McDonough
Seconded by: Councilman Lupinacci

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Jonathan Schneider	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
John Lupinacci	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013 – AUTHORIZED

RESOLVED that, pursuant to the request of Michael Johnson, Town of Carmel Chief of Police, the Town Clerk of the Town of Carmel is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the purchase of Police uniforms for the Town of Carmel Police Department for calendar year 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is to furnish detailed specifications for the above to Town Clerk Ann Spofford to be used in conjunction with the Town's general bid conditions and specifications.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Schneider
Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Jonathan Schneider	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
John Lupinacci	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT – ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE CLEANING OF UNIFORMS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013 – AUTHORIZED

RESOLVED that, pursuant to the request of Michael Johnson, Town of Carmel Chief of Police, the Town Clerk of the Town of Carmel is hereby authorized to advertise

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for bids for the cleaning of Police uniforms for calendar year 2013 for the Town of Carmel Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is to furnish detailed specifications for the above to Town Clerk Ann Spofford to be used in conjunction with the Town's general bid conditions and specifications.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lombardi
Seconded by: Councilman Lupinacci

Roll Call Vote	YES	NO
Jonathan Schneider	X	
John Lupinacci	X	
Suzanne McDonough	X	
Frank Lombardi	X	
Kenneth Schmitt	X	

REDUCTION OF BOND FOR PULTE HOMES SITE PLAN TM# 55.14-1-11.2 – TABLED

WHEREAS application has been made by Pulte Homes of New York, LLC for reduction of a site plan bond posted in accordance with the Land Subdivision and/or Zoning Regulations for the Day Road, LLC site plan, Tax Map #55.14-1-11.2; and

WHEREAS said application has been reviewed by the Town Engineer Ronald J. Gainer, P.E., and a reduction of the bond has been recommended and approved by the Planning Board;

MOTION TO TABLE

Offered by: Councilman Lupinacci
Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

Roll Call Vote	YES	NO
Jonathan Schneider	X	
John Lupinacci	X	
Suzanne McDonough	X	
Frank Lombardi	X	
Kenneth Schmitt	X	

BID AWARDED FOR COLLECTION OF REFUSE, GARBAGE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ANDF REFUSE WITHIN TOWN OF CARMEL GARBAGE DISTRICT TO R & S WASTE SERVICE AND AAA CARTING – AUTHORIZED

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Carmel has previously authorized advertisement for the solicitation of bids for the collection of refuse, garbage, recyclable materials and bulk refuse within the Town of Carmel Garbage District; and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Carmel has reviewed the bids submitted for such services and has conducted inquiry into the qualifications of the lowest respective bidders;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby awards the bids for collection of refuse, garbage, recyclable materials and bulk refuse within the Town of Carmel Garbage District to the lowest responsible bidders who met specifications as follows:

TO: R&S Waste Service, 500 Mamaroneck Ave., Harrison, NY 10528
Option Cluster-B: at an annual contract price of \$190,000;

TO: AAA Carting, 480 Furnance Dock Rd., Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567
Option West –D \$245.76 annual cost per unit;
Option Central –D \$245.76 annual cost per unit;
Option East–D \$245.76 annual cost per unit;
All optional additional services to be contracted between contractor and resident provided by on pages 46-47 of Bid Specifications as attached hereto and made a part hereof

Resolution

Offered by: Councilwoman McDonough
Seconded by: Councilman Lupinacci

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Jonathan Schneider	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
John Lupinacci	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Optional (additional) service(s) to be contracted between contractor and resident

COST TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENT FOR ONE EXTRA 65 GALLON REFUSE CONTAINER WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED ONLY ONE TIME PER WEEK. (Container NOT supplied by Contractor)

Annual Cost - \$ 100.00
Words One hundred dollars

COST TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENT FOR ONE EXTRA 95 GALLON REFUSE CONTAINER WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED ONLY ONE TIME PER WEEK. (Container NOT supplied by Contractor)

Annual Cost - \$ 105.00
Words One hundred and five dollars

COST TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENT FOR ONE EXTRA 65 GALLON REFUSE CONTAINER WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED ONLY ONE TIME PER WEEK. (Container To Be supplied by Contractor)

Annual Cost - \$ 105.00
Words One hundred and five dollars

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**COST TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENT FOR ONE EXTRA 95 GALLON
REFUSE CONTAINER WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED ONLY ONE
TIME PER WEEK. (Container To Be supplied by Contractor)**

Annual Cost - \$ 110.00

Words One hundred and ten dollars

**COST TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENT FOR ONE EXTRA 65 GALLON
REFUSE CONTAINER WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED TWICE PER
WEEK. (Container NOT supplied by Contractor)**

Annual Cost - \$ 135.00

Words One hundred and thirty five dollars

**COST TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENT FOR ONE EXTRA 95 GALLON
REFUSE CONTAINER WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED TWICE PER
WEEK. (Container NOT supplied by Contractor)**

Annual Cost - \$ 140.00

Words One hundred and forty dollars

**COST TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENT FOR ONE EXTRA 65 GALLON
REFUSE CONTAINER WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED TWICE PER
WEEK. (Container To Be supplied by Contractor)**

Annual Cost - \$ 140.00

Words One hundred and forty dollars

**COST TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENT FOR ONE EXTRA 95 GALLON
REFUSE CONTAINER WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED TWICE PER
WEEK. (Container To Be supplied by Contractor)**

Annual Cost - \$ 145.00

Words One hundred and forty five dollars

COST TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENT FOR DRIVEWAY SERVICE.

Annual Cost - \$ 300.00

Words Three hundred dollars

Prior to the roll call vote a member of the public, Mike Helstrom, asked to address the Town Board. He told the Town Board that he had information that they needed to be aware of before voting.

Gregory Folchetti, Legal Counsel, advised the Town Board that they could recognize the speaker if they wanted to as there was no prohibition against it.

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Supervisor Schmitt, with all members of the Town Board in agreement, granted permission for Mr. Helstrom to speak.

Mr. Helstrom explained that he represents 200 private sanitation workers with Local Labor Union 108. He spoke about collective bargaining, the prevailing wage rate and the likelihood that the workers rates would increase \$9.00 per hour due to this bid being awarded. He indicated that New York State Department of Labor would enforce the prevailing wage rate if involving public funds.

Councilman Lombardi pointed out that the company being awarded the bid is bound by a contract with the town so could not increase their fees for three years.

Mr. Helstrom noted that future contracts would cost the taxpayers more.

Mr. Nicholas Orlando from Suburban Carting asked to be able to speak prior to the vote. He stated that he had tried meeting with the Town Board regarding the rates for the garbage pickup but that he was unsuccessful. He suggested that the Town Board look at what they will be paying and what other municipalities are paying.

Gregory Folchetti, Legal Counsel, explained that it would be improper for the Town Board to meet with a prospective bidder prior to the bid. He further explained that the Town Board is bound to award to the lowest bidder if going to award the bid or they can table the resolution at this point.

After the roll call vote Supervisor Schmitt and Councilman Lombardi commented that the townwide garbage would benefit the town and would result in a cost savings to the taxpayers.

Councilman Lupinacci explained that the cost for the garbage district would appear on resident's tax bills but they would not be paying their monthly or bi-monthly bill to a private carter. He estimated the cost savings to be approximately \$14 - \$15 per month.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

Michael Barile, resident of Mahopac, thanked the Town Board Members for their hard work and noted that they are dealing with issues over the last 18 months that previous boards did not deal with over the last twenty years. He suggested that the town look to the county and the City of New York for some of the solutions to our financial problems.

OPEN FORUM – NEW BUSINESS

No one wished to comment at this time.

RECOGNITION OF TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Councilman Lombardi noted how full the room was for the public hearings and that many people probably watched the meeting on TV. He commented on the accessibility of the proceedings.

Councilman Lombardi announced that there was going to be a Thanksgiving food drive and that collection boxes would be at Town Hall and Mahopac High School. He also reported that Temple Beth Shalom is doing a clothing drive for the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Councilman Schneider announced the Marine Corp birthday and spoke about remembering the sacrifices and dedication of our veterans on Veteran's Day.

Supervisor Schmitt announced that there would be a parade honoring the veterans on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. concluding with a service at the war memorial on East Lake Blvd. and refreshments being served at the VFW Post.

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Supervisor Schmitt also announced the closing of the time capsule would take place on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in front of the courthouse on Gleneida Avenue. He commented on the artifacts from ground zero that were donated by the Town of Carmel. He stated that the Carmel Town Hall would be closed on Monday, November 12, 2012 in honor of Veteran's Day.

Supervisor Schmitt remarked on the devastation done by Hurricane Sandy especially in Staten Island, Queens and New Jersey. He pointed out that although we had a lot of damage here in the Town of Carmel there were no deaths or serious injuries. He thanked all the volunteers that came out to help. He also reported that NYSEG has 14,000 customers in the Town of Carmel and that 13,000 of them had lost their power and then we got hit with the Nor'easter.

All agenda items having been addressed, on motion by Councilman Lupinacci, seconded by Councilman Schneider and Councilwoman McDonough, with all members present and in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bourges, Deputy Town Clerk