

28 OCTOBER 2011

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

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel was called to order by Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt on the 28th day of October 2011 at 10:12 a.m. at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York. Members of the Town Board present by roll call were: Councilman Ravallo, Councilman Lombardi and Supervisor Schmitt. Councilwoman McDonough was absent.

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.

2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET AMENDED AND ADOPTED AS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby adopts the Tentative Budget as amended by the Town Board per the attached Schedule of Changes for submission herewith to the Town Clerk as the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2012.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lombardi
Seconded by: Councilman Ravallo

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	
Suzanne McDonough	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Absent
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	

TOWN OF CARMEL 2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET SCHEDULE OF CHANGES

Fund	Department	Account #	Department	Tentative Budget	Preliminary Budget	Change
	Town Board	1010.80	Employee Benefits	114,000	111,000	(3,000)
	Justice Court	1110.80	Employee Benefits	176,000	173,000	(3,000)
		1110.86	Retiree HI	50,000	49,000	(1,000)
	Supervisor	1220.80	Employee Benefits	88,000	87,000	(1,000)
		1220.86	Retiree HI	16,000	15,000	(1,000)
	Comptroller	1315.13	Temp Staff	2,000	0	(2,000)
		1315.80	Employee Benefits	85,000	84,000	(1,000)
		1315.86	Retiree HI	60,000	57,000	(3,000)
	Tax Receiver	1330.80	Employee Benefits	88,000	86,000	(2,000)
		1330.86	Retiree HI	22,500	22,000	(500)
	Assessor	1355.80	Employee Benefits	110,000	107,000	(3,000)
		1355.86	Retiree HI	16,000	15,000	(1,000)
	Town Clerk	1410.80	Employee Benefits	80,000	79,000	(1,000)
		1410.86	Retiree HI	34,500	32,500	(2,000)
	Engineering	1440.80	Employee Benefits	116,000	114,000	(2,000)
		1440.86	Retiree HI	21,000	20,000	(1,000)
	Accounting	1610.80	Employee Benefits	83,000	82,000	(1,000)
		1610.86	Retiree HI	30,000	28,000	(2,000)
	Bldg Maintenance	1620.80	Employee Benefits	72,000	71,000	(1,000)
	Central Garage	1640.84	Employee Benefits	20,520	19,620	(900)
	Traffic/Signs	3310.84	Employee Benefits	20,520	19,620	(900)

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	Building	3620.11	FT Staff Salary	44,855	99,465	54,610
		3620.13	Temp Staff	30,000	10,000	(20,000)
		3620.80	Employee Benefits	90,000	117,000	27,000
		3620.86	Retiree HI	20,000	21,500	1,500
	Hwy Admin	5010.80	Employee Benefits	150,000	147,000	(3,000)
		5010.86	Retiree HI	34,000	32,000	(2,000)
	Recreation	7020.13	Temp Staff	0	10,000	10,000
		7020.80	Employee Benefits	110,000	108,000	(2,000)
		7020.86	Retiree HI	23,000	22,000	(1,000)
	Park Maint	7110.13	Temp Staff	19,000	10,000	(9,000)
		7110.80	Employee Benefits	94,000	93,000	(1,000)
		7110.86	Retiree HI	9,415	9,000	(415)
	Recycle	8090.84	Employee Benefits	9,415	9,000	(415)
	Police	3120.10	FT Dispatcher Staff	255,482	302,704	47,222
		3120.80	Retirement Benefit	57,000	59,000	2,000
		3120.82	Fica/Med	368,000	370,000	2,000
		3120.84	Employee Benefits	760,000	732,000	(28,000)
		3120.86	Retiree HI	700,000	650,000	(50,000)
				4,079,207	4,073,409	(5,798)
100	Revenue	1989.2555	Building Permit Fees	300,000	310,000	(10,000)
100	Total Increase/Decrease in levy - General Fund					(15,798)
500	Highway	5110.11	FT Staff Salary	1,407,302	1,462,205	54,903
		5110.80	Fica/Med	274,000	284,000	10,000
		5110.85	Welfare Benefits	22,050	23,100	1,050
		5110.86	Retiree HI	361,000	318,000	(43,000)
		5130.80	Employee Benefits	82,100	78,480	(3,620)
		5140.80	Employee Benefits	41,100	39,240	(1,860)
		5142.80	Employee Benefits	39,350	37,675	(1,675)
				2,226,902	2,242,700	15,798
	Total Increase/Decrease in levy - Highway Fund					15,798
	* Net Increase/Decrease in townwide levy from Tentative Budget					0

** Due to recent notification from the Department of Civil Service, Health Insurance Premiums will increase approximately 8% for FY 2012.

Expenses	Employee Health Ins	(34,370)
	Retiree Health Ins	(106,415)
	FT Staff	156,735
	PT Staff	(21,000)
	Other Benefits	15,050
		<u>10,000</u>
Revenue	Building Permit Fees	10,000

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Special District Changes						
403	Teakettle Lake	7140.43	Insurance	320	300	-20
		7140.47	Refuse Disposal	100	0	-100
	Park Dist	7140.2401	Interest Earnings	90	55	35
		7140.2402	Interest Earnings	120	80	40
		7140.9909	Appr Fund Balance	2,500	1,500	1,000
		7140.1001	Taxes - Teakettle	14,410	15,365	-955
713	Carmel Sewer	8130.2401	Interest Earnings	218	178	40
	Dist 1, Ext 3	8130.9909	Appr Fund Balance	5,000	3,000	2,000
		8130.1030	Taxes - Lk McGregor	25,302	27,342	-2,040
755	Lake McGregor	5182.9909	Appr Fund Balance	0	-150	150
	Lighting Dist	5182.1001	Taxes - Lk McGregor	2,970	3,120	-150

Increase in Special District Levy from Tentative Budget 3,145

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PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED IN CONNECTION WITH 2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET - 11/9/11

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby authorizes the scheduling of a Public Hearing in regard to the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2012 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 RESOLVED that said Public Hearing shall be held on the 9th day of November, 2011 at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter that evening as possible, at which all interested persons shall be heard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed salaries of the following officials for fiscal year 2012 shall be advertised, as required by Section 108 of the Town Law of the State of New York, as follows in said notice:

Supervisor - \$94,882.00
Town Council Members - \$18,490.00
Town Clerk - \$80,280.72
Town Superintendent of Highways - \$101,808.72

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the Notice of said Public Hearing in the official newspaper of the Town a minimum of five (5) days prior to November 9th, 2011, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of the Town of Carmel is hereby authorized and directed to post the Notice of said Public Hearing on the Town Bulletin Board a minimum of five (5) days prior to November 9th, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the preliminary budget be available at the Office of the Town Clerk where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Ravallo
Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	
Suzanne McDonough	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Absent
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	

Councilman Ravallo suggested that the Town Board override New York State's recently enacted 2% tax cap on property tax levies for 2012 to maintain fiscal responsibility and preserve services. He spoke regarding the importance of restoring monies to the fund balance to avoid the risk of jeopardizing the Town's credit rating.

Councilman Lombardi stated that he was not in favor of raising taxes. However, he had requested financial data from the Town Comptroller for review to consider if he would support overriding the property tax cap. He noted that the cost to preserve the fund balance would amount to an increase of \$100 to the average homeowner in 2012 and may go a long way to protect the future of the Town.

Supervisor Schmitt spoke regarding the difficulties involved with preparing the 2012 Tentative Budget during these fragile economic times. He stated that he agreed with the concept of a property tax cap but that New York State went about it in the wrong way. Although he initially did not support overriding the property tax cap, as a courtesy to his colleagues and at the request of residents, he indicated that he would consider it.

Councilman Ravallo added that he would consider restoring funding to the Reed Memorial Library. However, he would expect their Board of Directors to demonstrate to the Town Board at the Public Hearing how they plan on raising funds other than from the Town of Carmel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sara Dunn inquired how the three staff positions that were restored in the Preliminary Budget would be funded.

Mary Ann Maxwell, Town Comptroller replied that adjustments were made to various accounts, primarily employee benefits. She explained the Town was recently notified by the Department of Civil Service that the projected increase to health insurance premiums will be less than what was anticipated, creating a surplus. This information was not available at the time the Supervisor's Tentative Budget was being prepared.

Ms. Dunn inquired what the cost is to restore these positions.

Ms. Maxwell indicated that the net cost would be \$160,000.00. She noted that the Preliminary Budget is still within the 2% property tax cap and the tax rate increase remains the same as the Tentative Budget at 5.6%.

Ms. Dunn inquired about the budget adoption procedure.

Supervisor Schmitt explained the process and noted that it was the Town Board's intention to vote on the 2012 Budget on November 16, 2011. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

All agenda items having been addressed, on motion by Councilman Ravallo, seconded by Councilman Lombardi, with all Town Board members present in agreement, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Garris, Town Clerk