

**SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2007**

Present: Supervisor John J. Dunford
Councilman Paul P. Johnson
Councilman Richard B. Honeck
Councilman Pat Bonanno

Also: Town Clerk Ruth A. Mazzei
Town Counsel Willis H. Stephens, Jr.

And: Approximately 10 persons

Councilman Honeck made a motion to open the special meeting and Councilman Johnson seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2008 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Councilman Johnson made a motion to open the public hearing and Councilman Honeck seconded. All in favor. Town Clerk Mazzei read the legal notice.

\$20,000 is for a new dam for Lake Tonetta. Some of the money may have to come from contingency. \$3000-\$5000 for insurance for football if it is decided to go ahead with the program. Department Heads received a 5% increase; the union (CSEA and Teamsters) received 4% or more depending on steps. Non-union will be having a 4% increase. A1420.4 is \$171,970 which is the amount budgeted but it depends on Certiorari, etc. A3989.4 – still is \$60,000. but the contract runs out on December 31, 2007. Employee benefits amounts increased according to preliminary rates. A9961.9 is for capital projects such as the new court and town facilities, etc. Safety Administration A3620 was increased to \$80,200 for Michael Levine's salary. 9901.9 is surplus funds is transferred to different accounts. A8540 is not budgeted for; we receive reimbursement from the county. The taxes are increasing by approximately 5.7% of which 3.5% is the open space bond. Supervisor Dunford made a motion to close the public hearing and Councilman Honeck seconded. All in favor.

LETTER OF NO OBJECTION - SIRIGNANO

Councilman Johnson made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter of no objection to Lyn and Thomas Sirignano of Noel Court, Brewster re: a utility shed. Property owners must receive permission from adjacent property owners. The Blackberry District abuts the Sirignano property. Councilman Bonanno seconded and all in favor.

Councilman Honeck made a motion to close the special meeting and Councilman Bonanno seconded. All in favor.

Work Session followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Argo Mazzei
Southeast Town Clerk