

PERINTON TOWN BOARD MEETING  
1350 Turk Hill Road, Fairport, NY 14450  
Wednesday, October 10, 2007

PRESENT:	James E. Smith	Supervisor
	Patricia S. Knapp	Councilperson
	David C. Glossner	Councilperson
	Carolyn H. Saum	Councilperson
	Joseph H. LaFay	Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Place, Esq., Town Attorney; Thomas C. Beck, Commissioner of Public Works; Kevin Spacher, Finance Director; James A. Donahue, Commissioner, Recreation & Parks; Susan C. Roberts, Town Clerk.

Supervisor Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm and introduced the Board and staff present.

Councilperson Glossner made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Knapp, that the minutes of the Town Board meeting of September 26, 2007 be approved as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Ayes: Smith, Knapp, Glossner, Saum, LaFay  
Nays: None  
Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED 2008 TOWN OF PERINTON BUDGET

Supervisor Smith opened the Public Hearing and asked the Clerk for proof of publication and affidavit of posting. Proof of publication was given in the Perinton Fairport Post on September 27, 2007; affidavit of posting was also September 27, 2007.

An informational meeting on the 2008 Town of Perinton budget was held at the Town Board meeting on September 26, 2007. Tonight's meeting is to again present the budget and receive comments.

A summary of the 2008 proposed budget was distributed to those present. The 2008 budget calls for a rate per thousand increase for the Village of Fairport residents from \$1.21 to \$1.25, an increase of \$.04 per thousand. The increase in the Town rate for residents outside the Village of Fairport will be from \$1.57 to \$ 1.60, an increase of \$.03 per thousand. The average homeowner, with a \$175,000 home, would see their taxes go up just \$5.25, from \$274.75 to \$280.00. Supervisor Smith said that Perinton currently has the third lowest town tax rate in Monroe County; it has had the lowest town taxes in the county for eleven of the past twenty years.

Supervisor Smith explained the fund appropriations, revenues and unexpended balances and proposed equipment purchases for 2008. He said that a 3% cost of living pay increase, budgeted for town employees, is a major component in the tax increase. Replacement equipment purchases will be offset by monies from capital reserve funds, as will road improvement projects.

Increased revenues will come from landfill permits, franchise fees and mortgage taxes.

The goal of the Town is to continue to have a stable tax rate. This is accomplished by setting aside money in capital reserve funds to cover unusual expenditures or anticipated large expenses such as new equipment, road repair or sidewalk construction.

A man in the audience asked how the capital reserve funds are funded. Supervisor Smith said that the Town Board budgets an amount for the capital reserve funds each year.

A man asked if the town and village share capital costs for equipment. Supervisor Smith said they do not share equipment; however, they do share facilities. For example, the salt barn which has been constructed as part of the DPW redevelopment project, will store salt for the town, the village and the school district.

A woman in the audience asked about landfill revenues. She asked if the town had received more in revenue in 2007 than budgeted. Supervisor Smith said it had. He said that, with volatile revenues like landfill receipts, the town budgets conservatively so that, should there be less revenue than expected, the town is able to cover its expenses without borrowing.

The woman asked what the town did when it received more funds than expected. Supervisor Smith said that the Town Board decides whether to deposit the additional funds in a capital reserve fund or identify them as unexpended balances.

A man in the audience asked why the town compared itself to Monroe County and school districts. Supervisor Smith said that the town does not compare itself to these entities. Rather, it uses the pie charts to show residents how their total taxes are allocated.

There being no further questions from the audience, and all those wishing to be heard having been heard, the Public Hearing was closed.

Supervisor Smith thanked the Department Heads for their input during the budget process and Finance Director Spacher for all his help in preparing the 2008 budget. He said that the Town Board would vote on the proposed budget at the October 24, 2007

#### RECREATION AND PARKS MECHANIC

Supervisor Smith stated that, in a memo dated October 4, 2007, Recreation and Parks Commissioner Donahue said that his department has interviewed several candidates for the position of mechanic for Parks Department vehicles. He asked the Board to approve the hiring of Gerald Wesche for the position.

A motion was made by Councilperson Saum, seconded by Councilperson Knapp, that Gerald Wesche, 1989 Feshour Road, Clifton Springs, NY, be hired as mechanic for the Parks Department, effective October 15, 2007 at a salary of \$19.00 per hour.

Ayes: Smith, Knapp, Glossner, Saum, LaFay

Nays: None

Unanimously approved

#### LEVY OUT OF DISTRICT SEWER BILLS

Supervisor Smith said that, when a sewer extension is established, homeowners adjacent to the extension may tie into the sewer as an "out of district" resident. Costs for the sewer use are similar; the billing method is different. Instead of having the sewer billing done as part of the Town/County tax bill, it is done as a separate bill.

Two out of district customers have not yet paid their January 2007 sewer bill. Supervisor Smith asked the Board to approve levying those bills on the 2008 Town/County tax bill in accordance with Town Law which provides for the levy and collection of bills 90 or more days in arrears.

A motion was made by Councilperson LaFay, seconded by Councilperson Glossner, that, in accordance with Town Law, \$130.82 be assessed, levied and collected as a special levy on the 2008 Town Taxes for out of district sewer charges for property at 166 Moseley Road, Tax account # 166.09-2-25, and \$130.82 be assessed, levied and collected as a special levy on the 2008 Town Taxes for out of district sewer charges for property at 25 Hidden Hollow, Tax account # 179.10-1-47.

Ayes: Smith, Knapp, Glossner, Saum, LaFay  
Nays: None  
Unanimously approved

#### APPROVE REPORTS

A motion was made by Councilperson Saum, seconded by Councilperson LaFay, that the reports from the Finance Director, Town Clerk and the Building Department for the month of September be approved.

Ayes: Smith, Knapp, Glossner, Saum, LaFay  
Nays: None  
Unanimously approved

Supervisor Smith asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. Lisa Valenza, 7 Lupine Court, asked about the status of the barn at 1710 Ayrault Road. She said that she previously talked to the Town Board about her concerns about the safety of the barn.

Supervisor Smith said that the Town has talked to the owner of the barn. The owner and the immediate neighbor would both prefer to retain the east wall of the barn. Town staff has reviewed the barn to see if there is any way the Town can help with demolition, if that is the determined to be the best course of action. A structural engineer has visited the barn twice, but has not been able to examine all of the structure. Once he has done that he will report to the Town, which will then inform Ms. Valenza of the barn's status. Supervisor Smith said that Ms. Valenza could call him, or Scott Copp, Director of the Building Department, any time she had questions about the property.

There being no further business before the Board and no further questions from the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Roberts  
Town Clerk