

November 6, 2006 – Budget Meeting

Board members met this evening at 7:00 PM at the Gardiner Meeting Hall for a final budget meeting. Present were Supervisor Zatz, Councilmen Katz and Bialecki & Councilwomen Lemmon and Kern. There were approximately 10± audience members.

### **RESERVE FUNDS**

Board members discussed Reserve Funds and what they would like to establish this year. Some suggestions were sign replacement and Rail Trail. Supervisor Zatz commented that Mitchell Jaiven from Kellar, Kellar and Jaiven will assist the Town Board with setting up these Reserve Funds.

### **SEWER DISTRICT**

Councilwoman Lemmon expressed her wish to replace the other 2 sand beds with the wetlands reconstruction. Cost for this is \$40,400. Currently we have \$25,000 in the sewer reserve fund. Of that \$6,000 will be expended for the covers to the beds. That leaves \$19,000, leaving the district short by \$21,400. Ms Lemmon will investigate how to raise additional funds for this. Supervisor Zatz and Councilman Bialecki suggested entering into a contract to have the work done over a couple of years.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

There is a need to have a fulltime individual in the planning department. Councilman Katz suggested hiring someone with a technical background that may be able to handle issues that would not have to pass by consultants, engineers or attorneys. This would help reduce the cost for each of these professionals. Board members will address this at a later time.

### **MASTER PLAN/ZONING REVISIONS**

The following changes were made to the planning board/master plan budget: Master Plan Research increase to \$15,000, Master Plan/Joel Russell increase to \$15,000, Master Plan/Planner \$10,000, Planning Board Professional Service decrease to \$5,000.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The following changes were made in other budget lines:

Attorney decrease to \$30,000; ECC Professional Services decrease to \$4,000; Municipal Dues increase to \$1,600; Building Department mileage decrease to \$2,500. Councilwoman Lemmon asked the Town Board to add a Grant Writing Line. All agreed.

### **ESTIMATED TAX RATE**

With these changes Supervisor Zatz estimated the tax rate at 1.75/\$1000. He will provide the Town Board with a corrected budget for Wednesday's public hearing.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, on motion of Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk