

**TOWN OF ORANGETOWN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

The Town Board entered this Special Town Board Meeting, from the Workshop, at 8:15 p.m. Supervisor Whalen presided and the Town Clerk called the Roll. Present were:

Present were: Councilman Denis Troy
Councilman Michael Maturo
Councilman Thomas Diviny
Councilwoman Nancy Low-Hogan

Also present: Charlotte Madigan, Town Clerk
John Edwards, Town Attorney
AnnMarie Hahr, Executive Assistant to the Supervisor
Charles Richardson, Director of Finance
James Dean, Superintendent of Highways
Joseph Moran, Commissioner of DEME
Robert Simon, Receiver of Taxes
Aric Gorton, Superintendent of Parks-Rec & Building Maint.

Charlotte Madigan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Charlotte Madigan, Town Clerk, presented the Media Letter noticing the Town Board may vote to approve the 2012 budget; copy is labeled Exhibit 11-E-11 and made a part of these minutes.

Summary of Public Comments

Carol LaValle, Tappan Historical Society, read a letter explaining the importance of the Historic Areas Board of Review and she requested the Town Board not to cut it from the budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 630

**2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

Councilman Diviny made a motion to make the following proposed amendments to the 2012 Preliminary Budget, which was seconded by Councilman Troy:

	Proposed Cut or Revenue	Approved	Comments
DEME			
Hospitalization		\$ 10,000	Needed to reduce sewer unit charges
Laborer	\$ 48,980	\$ 48,980	Needed to reduce sewer unit charges
Admin OT	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	Needed to reduce sewer unit charges
Sewer Maint Agreements	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Leaves 75 K
Sewer Connections	\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000	Leaves \$175 K
Capital Outlay		\$ 25,000	Purchase in 2011
Rec and Parks			
Shade Tree	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Rank 2
Summer Concerts	\$ 7,500		Rank 3
Weekend Open Gym	\$ 10,440		Rank 4, 5, 6
Build Maint Supplies	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Rank 8
Backhoe	\$ 78,000	\$ 78,000	Rank 9
Family Movie Night	\$ 8,500		Rank 12
Other	\$ 8,000		
Fee Increases			
Option 1 Field Use	\$ 9,921		See Memo
Option 2 Showmobile	\$ 700		See Memo
Option 3 PortoJohns			See Memo
Highway			
Drop Off Center			

Close Saturday	\$ 64,771		Rank 1
Close Alt Sat	\$ 32,386	\$ 32,385	CJR #
Close Week days	\$ 115,969		Rank 4
Close some weekdays		\$ 57,985	
Fee for drop off	\$ 150,000		\$5 per visit, 30,000 visits
Sweeping OT	\$ 13,676		Rank 3, Business Dist
Seasonals			
Seasonal Staff - Summer	\$ 39,702		Rank 2
Seasonal Staff Nov-Dec	\$ 34,574		Rank 5
Leaf Removal			
No double time	\$ 123,929		Rank 6
No Time and an 1/2	\$ 112,846		Rank 7
Fees			
Increase Inspection Fees		\$ 47,000	See memo
Increase Permit Fees		\$ 17,600	See memo

Police

Minimum Staff Changes OT	\$ 50,000		
Holiday Pay	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
Special Events OT (St. Pat)	\$ 40,000		
1 Sgt demotion	\$ 15,810		
2 Lt Demotions	\$ 37,200		
2 Police cars	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	
Ammunition	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	
Uniforms	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
Travel	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
*RIF Position 86	\$ 81,669		
*RIF Position 85	\$ 81,669		
*RIF Position 84	\$ 95,945		
*RIF Position 83	\$ 95,945		
*Return TaskForce & BOCES			
FICA/Pension savings @27.5%	\$ 143,890		
Loss of BOCES Funding	\$		
Loss of Task Force Funding	(350,000)		
CJR Proposals			
Sick leave	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
Vacation buyout	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
Conferences	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
Utilities	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	

OBZPAE

Eliminate HAVOR	\$ 14,129		Rank 1
Reduce ACABOR from 7 to 5	\$ 6,756		Rank 2
Reduce Planning Bd from 7 to 5	\$ 9,556		Rank 3
Various cuts	\$ 6,200		Rank 4
Vacant Clerk Typist	\$ 39,457	\$ 39,457	Promo to Justice
Fee Increases			TBD

Receiver

Vacant position (Deputy)	\$ 40,498		
Charge School Dist for Collection based on Costs Incl Fringes (50% of Budget)	\$ 114,000		Assumes vacancy cut Could be increased for Assessor, IT, etc
Charge 1% on School taxes	\$ 1,530,920		assumes \$153.1 m for 4 Districts
Charge .125%		\$ 200,000	

Supervisor

Make Assistant Half-time	\$ 34,481	\$ 34,481	
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Town Attorney		
Outside Counsel		Wislon Elser is \$5,500 per month + expenses
Employer FICA Tax Cut	\$ 100,000	2% of \$5 M payroll Needs Congressional Approval
Bond Tax Cert	\$ 2,525,000	2012 cost of \$50,000 Causes problems for 2013 & beyond Estimate based on \$2.1 m Pfizer & \$425,000 other
Outside Insurance	\$ 75,000	Reduce fund contributions
Total Property Tax Reduction	\$ 968,908	Cuts and New Revenues
Sewer Unit Charge Reduction	\$ 95,980	Cuts
Increase Use of Fund Balance	\$1,500,000	General, Police & Sewer 500k each
Change in County Reimbursement	\$ (170,000)	180K vs 350K
Change in Tax Certs Estimated Amount Under Tax Cap	\$ 230,980	\$2.525 m v \$2.755 m
	\$ 120,530	

Councilman Troy made the following additional motion, to Councilman Diviny’s motion, which was seconded by Councilman Diviny and on a roll call was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the 2012 Preliminary Budget be amended to make Community Funding \$zero.

- Ayes: Councilpersons Troy, Diviny
Supervisor Whalen
- Noes: Councilperson Maturo
- Abstained: Councilperson Low-Hogan

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A lengthy discussion was held by the Town Board.

Supervisor Whalen said each year it’s going to be more and more difficult to meet the 2% cap. Future Town Boards are going to be charged with the idea of making substantial cuts to services.

Councilman Diviny said, if we do not vote against the budget the first time out, we are just throwing our hands up and saying we will never be able to get under the cap. The people in this town can not afford a 7 ½% tax increase.

Councilman Troy said, I think we will have big challenges next year because the fund balance is lower. Somehow we have to bring in some revenue next year.

Charles Richardson informed the Town Board that down the road there are going to significant problems staying within the tax cap.

RESOLUTION NO. 631

**2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS/ADOPTED**

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Supervisor Whalen and on a roll call was adopted:

Resolution No. 631 - Continued

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopted the 2012 Preliminary Budget, with all amendments, as the 2012 Final Budget.

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Troy, Maturo
Supervisor Whalen
Noes: Councilperson Low-Hogan

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RESOLUTION NO. 632

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Troy offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Maturo and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Ayes: Councilpersons Troy, Maturo, Low-Hogan, Diviny
Supervisor Whalen
Noes: None

Charlotte Madigan, Town Clerk