

BUDGET MEETING  
July 29, 2009

At the budget meeting of the town of the Copake the following were present: Supervisor Crowley, Councilwoman Gabaccia, Councilman Sacks, Councilman Tompkins, Councilman Kiernan, and Highway Superintendent Proper.

Supervisor Crowley opened the meeting at 7:15 pm with 26 people present.

Councilman Sacks made a motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins to hire Mike Torchia of Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill CPA effective August 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Mr. Torchia said he's done the preliminary work with the 2009 budget and there will be a shortfall. Good until end of September or October before looking at borrowing or doing cuts.

Councilman Sacks read suggestions for savings in the amount of \$128,589.00. (see attached).  
A discussion followed.

Supervisor Crowley will ask Sheriff Harrison what services he could provide to the town if a decision is made to cut the Police Force.

Highway Superintendent Proper asked if the board wanted him to continue collecting scrap metal. Supervisor Crowley said he has no problem with it.

Supervisor Crowley asked if we had to borrow what would that translate per 1,000.

Accountant Torchia, on 2009 assessment valuation at \$200,000 it works out to .30 per 1,000 in 2010 to raise it all in taxes it would be \$120 on \$200,000.

Town Board went over the suggested cuts for the Planning Board, Zoning Board Building Department, EAB, Dog Enumerator, Playground,  
Larry y Proper said you could cut the 7140.4 account \$4,000, 7140.41 by \$1,000.00 and 7140.2 \$1,000 from playground.  
Comp Planning \$5,000.

Supervisor Crowley said everything should be turned in by Monday and the Accountant can get a better picture on where we stand.

Robin Bruce, Williams Cemetery, would give up her \$300.00 in salary to preserve the \$300.00 in contractual.

Supervisor Crowley, heard from Lt Andrews there is a 2002 Chevy impala the town can have at no cost.

The board decided to decline the car.

Judge Herman asked for resolution to apply for grant for the court.

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks.

WHEREAS, the Copake Town Court is seeking to submit an application to the New York State Office of Administration Justice Court Assistance Program for 2009 for various office of courtroom furnishings and various data processing and record keeping services; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Copake, duly called and noticed for this date; and where a quorum was present, the Town Board of the Town of Copake discussed the application, and thereafter moved and resolved to authorize such grant applications;

THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes Town Justices Brian Herman and John Spencer to file an application for said grant from the New York State Office of Court Administrator Justice Court Assistance Program for 2009.

Resolution # 15	Supervisor Crowley	Yes
Dated July 29, 2009	Councilman Tompkins	Yes
	Councilman Kiernan	Yes
	Councilwoman Gabaccia	Yes
	Councilman Sacks	Yes

A motion was made by Supervisor Crowley seconded by Councilman Sacks to go into executive session on personnel matter. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kiernan seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to return to the budget work shop. Motion carried.

Budget workshop set for August 5, 2009 at 5 P.M.

The Board decided to make the following cuts.

EAB		\$1,500
Planning Board		\$1,290
Playgrounds capital		\$1,000
Playgrounds Equipment		\$1,000
Playgrounds 7140.4		\$4,000
Budget Officer		\$ 250
Police go to 4 shifts a week		\$30,000?
ZBA	8010.1	\$ 1850
ZBA	8010.2	\$ 150
Williams Cemetery		\$ 300

Councilman Tompkins asked if two police cars could be taken off the road.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks to terminate the services of Brian Fitzgerald Accountant. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Kiernan seconded by Councilman Sacks the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,