

**TOWN OF KENDALL
BUDGET HEARING**

Thursday, November 04, 2010 7:30 P.M.

Supervisor Gaesser called the Hearing to order at 7:33 pm, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Pritchard	present
Councilman Joseph	present
Councilman Schuth	present
Councilwoman Szozda	present
Supervisor Gaesser	present

Also present, Highway Superintendent Kruger, Charles Patt, Don Beers, Sharon Wright, Joyce Henry, Stephen Seaman, Al and Bev Lofthouse

Supervisor Gaesser introduced the Preliminary Budget for 2011, gave a review of the budget timeline, and explained the format of the budget. He gave an explanation of the skyrocketing costs of the NYS Retirement System. The information for medical benefits is not complete, and the projections may change before finalization of the budget. The tax rate can be managed this year, but the bleak financial state of NYS will affect future budgets. The purpose of tonight's hearing is to gather input from the public on any item in the budget.

Supervisor Gaesser opened the floor to public comment at 7:37 pm.

Joyce Henry – commented that although the tax rate remained the same, the assessed value of the town increased, so the tax levy is higher, and noted she found it odd that it was raised to the exact amount of increased assessment.

Supervisor Gaesser responded that the amount of fund balance used is a tool to control the tax rate, and that amount changes from year to year. Fund balance is money which has previously been appropriated, but not used, and unanticipated revenue.

Supervisor Gaesser allowed time for those present to review the budget, then asked for additional public input. There was none, Supervisor Gaesser asked if the Board members had any questions. There were none.

Supervisor Gaesser closed the public hearing at 7:46 pm.

The Town Board then commenced a work session , discussing healthcare options.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Richardson, Kendall Town Clerk

