

TOWN OF KENDALL
Budget Hearing
Tuesday, November 1, 2011 7:30 P.M.

Supervisor Gaesser called the hearing to order, 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, CEO Gurslin, Planning Chair Gray, Ken Longer, Donald Beers, Steve and Mary Ellen Seaman, Jack Gillman, Harry Butler, Al and Bev Lofthouse, Bob and Ellie Nelson, and Joyce Henry.

SUPERVISOR'S REMARKS

Supervisor Gaesser welcomed those in attendance, and reviewed the budget process, and the progress so far in this process. This year, there is the additional requirement of state comptroller review prior to finalization. The purpose of this hearing is to listen to and consider any input on any line item within the budget. The intention is to finalize the budget and pass it on November 15th.

The Preliminary Budget shows a combined proposed levy increase of \$465, which is a 0.07% increase over last year. A request from Orleans County to help fund the EDA has been considered. The decision to make a budget adjustment and fund this can be made at any time, if there are excess funds. Supervisor Gaesser is not in favor at this time of appropriating additional fund balance to pay for this, and is against raising taxes to fund the EDA.

PUBLIC INPUT

Joyce Henry asked for an explanation of the budgeted amount for the Bicentennial Celebration. Supervisor Gaesser explained the estimates of revenue expected. The bulk of expenditures should be made after the committee's fundraisers are completed.

Don Beers asked about the revenue for dog licensing increasing. Supervisor Gaesser explained that the change in the state involvement and the agreement for the animal shelter with the county has shifted the amount of money retained and paid out locally.

Councilwoman Szozda brought forward an e-mail from resident Nadine Hanlon to the Town Board, which expressed that she feels no raises should be given, or that proportionate raises be given to all employees, regardless of position. There were also pages of notes included with the e-mail outlining several areas of concern or confusion.

(The e-mail and Councilman Joseph's response will be obtained by the Clerk and included in these minutes)

Supervisor Gaesser responded. During the discussion of the Tentative Budget when it was presented at a meeting, consensus of the Board was reached that the full-time employees, other than highway department workers who are dealt with through the work agreement submitted by the Highway Superintendent, would receive modest raises, although only one requested a raise. Set dollar amounts

were considered more fair than a percentage. It was agreed at that time that no raises would be given to part-time employees this year. The other concerns can be addressed personally, and Supervisor Gaesser will contact Mrs. Hanlon.

Supervisor Gaesser asked three times for any additional comments or questions. Being none, he closed the Budget Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Richardson
Kendall Town Clerk