

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Lester called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on Thursday, October 25, 2007. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons interested in the budget, in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget for 2008, or any item therein to include the compensation to be paid to all elected Town Officials, pursuant to the requirements of Section 108 of the Town Law.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Buddy Lester, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, Councilperson Tom Ferris, and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Highway Superintendent Fred Perrine, Director of Buildings and Grounds Jeremy Oakden, Assessor Tony Eaffaldano, Sweden Clarkson Community Center Recreation Director David Scott, Senior Center staff Nancy Duff, Ricki DeBaun, Chris Swanson and Lisa Bielewicz, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were residents Robert Connors, Jim Hamlin, Bob Canham and Pat Pawlaczyk.

Supervisor Lester asked Town Clerk Karen Sweeting to read the legal notice published in the Town newspapers. Notice was read.

Supervisor Lester welcomed the four visitors and thanked the department heads for attending the public hearing. Mr. Lester anticipated a “full house” and would normally introduce the members of the board but did not due to the extremely low number in attendance. The visitors present were familiar with the members of the board.

Supervisor Lester began by stating that the tax rate will remain at \$4.43 per thousand of assessed valuation for parcels outside the Village and will rise slightly from \$2.33 to \$2.40 per thousand of assessed valuation for parcels inside the Village.

Supervisor Lester stated that each budget year the Town Board has to consider three major factors – anticipated revenues, estimated expenses and taxable assessed valuation. The total taxable assessed valuation will rise by more than \$26 million in 2008 of which \$13 million is from the new Wal-Mart Supercenter.

One of the difficult things the Town faces is the percentage of wholly exempt properties. The Town of Sweden has the highest percentage of wholly exempt properties in Monroe County. The Town Board has scrutinized every aspect of the budget for ways to save taxpayers’ dollars. Mr. Lester stated that the board is constantly analyzing ways to provide the same level of services the residents have come to expect in the most affordable manner.

Supervisor Lester asked if anyone had any comments. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk