

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Lester called to order a public hearing at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on October 26, 2004. The purpose of the public hearing was to review the Preliminary Budget and hear all persons, in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget for 2005.

Town Board members present were Supervisor Lester, Councilperson Connors, Councilperson Ferris, and Councilperson Windus-Cook. Also present were Building Inspector Bill Weber, Assessor Tony Eaffaldano, Superintendent of Highways Fred Perrine, Receiver of Taxes and Assessments Karen Sweeting, Finance Director Leisa Strabel and Deputy Town Clerk Marleen Cain. Councilperson Carges was excused.

Visitors present were Lauren McCracken from White Road, Jim Hamlin from Park Avenue, Frank and Julie Lapinski from 4016 Sweden Walker Road, Elliotte Bowerman from the Brockport Post, and four students from Brockport High School Andy Madsen, Christina Pegoni, Rebeckah Drake and Matt Brooks.

Supervisor Lester called the public hearing to order. The Deputy Town Clerk read the legal notice of the hearing.

Supervisor Lester noted that the Town Board has been working on the budget since July and that no changes can be made to the Preliminary Budget until after the public hearing is held. He proposed two major changes (add \$30,000 back into court revenue and add \$31,000 to highway revenue), highlighted parts of the budget and the subsequent tax rate, then opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Lester thanked the Board and the Finance Director for their assistance in preparing the budget.

Mr. McCracken suggested eliminating all wage increases.

Councilperson Ferris noted that there were double digit increases beyond the control of the Town Board in retirement and health care expenses and yet the increase is only 3.2%.

Mr. Lapinski questioned the increase in the transportation budget by \$218,000. Finance Director Strabel explained.

Ms. Bowerman questioned the difference in the amount of the increase in salaries for the Supervisor and the Councilpersons. Supervisor Lester thanked the Councilpersons for the increase and Councilperson Ferris explained the reason.

There being no further comments, Supervisor Lester closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marleen M. Cain
Deputy Town Clerk