

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Carges called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons interested in the budget, in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget for 2016, 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 Robert Carges, Councilperson Rebecca Donohue, Councilperson Robert Muesebeck, Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook and Councilperson Donald Roberts, Jr. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Highway Superintendent Brian Ingraham, Town Attorney Jim Bell, Fire Marshal Michael Vergari and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were Deputy Village Mayor Bill Andrews, Jack Merritt, Annie Crane, Lori Skoog, Joan Hamlin, Mary Rich, Kevin McCarthy, Peter Hare, Jessica James from SUNY Brockport 89.1 The Point, Tim Harris and Jess Sudol from Passero Associates, and Roger Brandt and Ryan Brandt from Rochester's Cornerstone Group.

Supervisor Carges waived the reading of the legal notice.

Supervisor Carges presented the 2016 Preliminary Budget. Mr. Carges summarized the services provided by the Town and the tax rate history. Mr. Carges pointed out that since 2007 the rate has increased only \$.11 in the Village (\$2.33 to \$2.44 per thousand) and \$.27 in the Town (\$4.43 to \$4.70 per thousand). He briefly discussed the tax exempt properties. Mr. Carges stated that NYS has lowered the tax cap to .73% and shared the Tax Cap Formula. The Town of Sweden is \$11,588 under the limit. The 2016 Budget reduces spending by \$31,059, thereby reducing the tax rate for Village parcels by \$.02 and for Town parcels by \$.05.

Resident Annie Crane referred to the Town of Sweden Snapshots Special Edition 2016 Budget. She asked for clarification on the pie chart showing the 2016 budget by category. Ms. Crane asked what was included in the Home & Community category. Finance Director Leisa Strabel answered cemeteries and the Environmental Conservation Board fall under the Home & Community category. Ms. Crane noted the 2% increase in elected officials salaries and stated her concern. Ms. Crane asked how many PILOT exemptions were included on the list of exemptions. Mrs. Strabel answered five as shown under Business Exemptions. Ms. Crane asked what budget lines included the road salt. Mrs. Strabel provided the three budget lines that include road salt.

Resident Mary Rich asked what was included in the Parks & Recreation Charges. Mrs. Strabel answered program fees from the recreation department. Ms. Rich noticed the Park Concessions decreased from \$14,000 to \$4,000 and asked why. Supervisor Carges explained that the hours of operation have decreased due to demand and is also dependent on the weather. He also mentioned that the Brockport Soccer Club took care of their own concessions for the soccer tournament.

No other comments.

The public hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk