

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Milner called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on Thursday, November 10, 2011. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons interested in the budget, in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget for 2012, 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 John Milner, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors and Councilperson Rebecca Donohue. Councilperson Michael Myers was absent. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Highway Superintendent Fred Perrine, Town Attorney Jim Bell, Deputy Town Clerk Kathy Roberts and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were Betty Northrup, Don Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Don Roberts, Jerry and Marsha Hickey, Jim and Joan Hamlin, Chris Hamlin, Kathryn Hargis and Irene D'Agostino.

Supervisor Milner waived the reading of the notice.

Councilperson Carges presented the 2012 Preliminary Budget. The Town of Sweden's proposed 2012 budget meets the 2% tax levy cap. The tax rate per thousand for parcels within the Village is \$2.3021 and for parcels in the Town outside the Village is \$4.4645. This is down from last year. Mr. Carges stated that 48.2% of the total value of property in the Town of Sweden is tax exempt.

Mr. Carges said he was aware that several visitors were present due to the closing of the Refuse/Recycling Center effective December 31, 2011.

Councilperson Carges opened the floor for comments.

Resident Kathy Hargis informed the board members that she uses the center all the time. She stated that it seemed to be mostly the older generation that uses the center and was concerned that when the center closes people will use the roadways as their dump. Ms. Hargis also stated that she didn't think many people knew that the option was available.

Resident Don Johnson questioned the board as to why we weren't making money on the recyclables. He presented the board with information that he had collected and asked why the town does not truck our refuse and recycling.

Resident Betty Northrup also questioned the revenue collected from recyclables.

Finance Director Leisa Strabel stated the Town does not receive money for the recyclables and the cost of Suburban Disposal includes a lot of garbage. The board answered that we are not properly equipped to be in the refuse and recycling business. Councilperson Carges added that there are private businesses that handle refuse and garbage as an option for residents unlike the recreation services provided by the town.

Resident Jerry Hickey expressed his disappointment in the center closing.

Supervisor Milner asked if anyone had any further comments or questions. No other comments or questions were made.

The public hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk