

PUBLIC HEARING: 2008 Preliminary Budget

The following Notice of Public Hearing was legally advertised in the Daily Gazette, the Post Star and the Saratogian newspapers.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Town Board of the Town of Wilton, New York, County of Saratoga, will hold a public hearing on the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Wilton for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilton Town Hall located on 22 Traver Road in said town at which time all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

SAID PRELIMINARY BUDGET will be completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Wilton at 22 Traver Road where it may be examined by any interested person during regular business hours.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN LAW, SECTION 108, PROPOSED SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS ARE LISTED BELOW:

Supervisor	\$21,630
Councilman (4) (each)	\$12,661
Highway Superintendent	\$63,100
Tax Collector	\$15,000
Town Clerk	\$39,152
Town Justice (2) (each)	\$28,163

BY RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WILTON

Supervisor Johnson called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.. Supervisor Johnson stated that after the budget workshops there were some amendments to the preliminary budget. The total for the preliminary budget was six million nine hundred sixty-nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$6,969,900), after the workshops there were additions to the general fund of twenty-two thousand nine hundred and twelve dollars (\$22,912) and a net change to the highway fund of nine thousand nine hundred and forty-four dollars (\$9,944). The total net change proposed is thirty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty six dollars (\$32,856), making the total budget amount seven million two thousand seven hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$7,002,756). Supervisor Johnson then asked if anyone in the audience would like to comment on the budget. No comment. Supervisor Johnson then closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m..

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Immediately following the public hearing, Supervisor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m..

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johnson led the Board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present.

Arthur Johnson- Supervisor
Raymond O'Connor- Deputy Supervisor
Lawrence Gordon- Councilman
Ian McGaughey- Councilman
Charles Gerber- Councilman

Also present were Town Attorney Richard DeVall and Director of Planning and Engineering Keith Manz, Town Comptroller Jeffrey Reale was absent.

Presentation (Jay Putnam)

Supervisor Johnson explained to the audience that a long time highway employee Jay Putnam, is retiring. We would like to recognize Jay Putnam for his outstanding many years of service, working with Mt. McGregor Correctional Facility supervising inmates to maintain the old historic rural cemeteries. Highway Superintendent Kirklin Woodcock also praised Mr. Putnam for his work in the Highway Department. Supervisor Johnson thanked Mr. Putnam and presented him with a plaque.

Proclamation

Commending Christopher Reepmeyer upon attaining Eagle Scout Rank

Supervisor Johnson explained that in the past the Board had recognized residents who have taken on projects to obtain their Eagle Scout Award. Christopher Reepmeyer has been working with Councilman Gordon one of those projects at Camp Saratoga. He then asked Councilman Gordon to explain the project. Councilman Gordon explained that Christopher Reepmeyer who is in Troop 24 will have his Eagle ceremony on November 25th. We are going to recognize him at that ceremony for his effort in leadership in gathering resources from vendors. The Highway Department and help from people in the town to get this project done. He constructed two of the most beautiful lean-to's that we have on the Scout Road property. We will be presenting him with a plaque at the ceremony.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Gordon, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 191

WHEREAS, **Christopher Reepmeyer** is a member of the Boy Scout Troop #24 in Wilton and recently achieved the rare distinction of the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout award honors the scout, his family, his troop and his troop leaders; and

WHEREAS, a Boy Scout is required to complete an Eagle Leadership Service project as part of qualifying for the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, **Christopher Reepmeyer** set his goal and completed his plan to research, design and build two Adirondack Lean-tos for use by campers at the Town of Wilton's Camp Saratoga Park; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the unusual dedication and diligence exhibited by **Christopher Reepmeyer** in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, that the Wilton Town Board commends **Christopher Reepmeyer** for his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and, be it further

PROCLAIMED, that the Town Clerk forward a duly inscribed copy of this Proclamation of Commendation to **Christopher Reepmeyer**

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Approve Pending Minutes

Supervisor Johnson asked for a motion and a second to approve the pending minutes from the last meeting.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 192

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2007 meeting as typed, without amendment.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

2008 Preliminary Budget
Public hearing held earlier

Supervisor Johnson explained that the public hearing was held earlier for the 2008 budget with the revised amount of seven million two thousand seven hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$7,002,756). He asked if there were any comments. There were none. He then asked for a motion and a second to adopt the budget.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 193

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to adopt the 2008 Preliminary Budget as presented.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Historic Preservation
Tabled last month

Supervisor Johnson explained that a public hearing had been held a couple of months ago on the Historic Preservation regulations and we left it open for thirty days for public comment. He then asked Deputy Supervisor O'Connor to address the board with the results. Deputy Supervisor O'Connor explained that the reason we did not adopt this last month was because there were some final review issues that needed to be discussed with the Town Attorney. The members of the Wilton Heritage Society also needed time to review the list of historic properties in town. Basically, one of the things that will trigger the review, by what would be created by this law and the Historic Preservation Board, on properties land-marked that are of a historic nature is any action that would require a

permit of some kind, such as a building permit or a demolition permit. These actions would trigger the review of that project on that historic property to make sure the historic resources we have would be preserved. The first step would be to do a mailing to those with designated historic properties to let them know about the program and give them an opportunity to opt out if they so desire.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 194

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to
approve the passage of the Wilton Historic
Preservation Code.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by
Councilman McGaughey, duly put to a vote, all
in favor.

Open Space, Recreation & Pathways Plan

Larry Gordon

Public in-put session held 6/7-7/16

Supervisor Johnson explained that Councilman Gordon and Mr. Pieter Litchfield have been working on this for some time. He then asked Councilman Gordon to address the Board. Councilman Gordon explained that this plan is on the web-site and there were two public in-put sessions. We discussed the plan at the public sessions. However, there were no verbal or written comments. We need to set a public hearing to adopt this plan. Supervisor Johnson set the public hearing for December 6th, at 7:00 p.m..

Old Gick Rd. (walking/bike path)

Mr. Harold Weinstein

Supervisor Johnson explained that the Town Board had received a letter from Mr. Weinstein asking for bike improvements on Old Gick Rd. He then asked Mr. Weinstein to address the Board. **Mr. Weinstein** a resident who lives at 107 Holly Lane off Old Gick Road read his prepared statement requesting a major improvement to Old Gick Road by designating a safe pedestrian walkway/bike path for the area. In addition to many private homes, a mobile home park and several businesses, the heavily traveled road will soon have an increase in traffic with the residential development of 300 apartments known as the Paddocks of Saratoga. Mr. Weinstein stated he sees a lot of pedestrians walking in both directions and people on bicycles and it's just not safe. He stated that taking into

account the above, it is his firm belief that the walkway/bike path will improve the quality of life for all citizens and the safety and security of all pedestrians and bikers. Mr. Weinstein also presented the Board with a petition containing 200 signatures supporting his request. Councilman Gordon responded by explaining that there has never been any discussion of creating a walkway/bike path on Old Gick Road, but suggested that would be easier to propose a bike lane on Perry Road because the specification for that is just a matter of widening a shoulder for vehicular proposes. **Supervisor Johnson** stated the idea certainly has some merit with all the apartments going in there and it is worth looking into. **Councilman Gordon** suggested that during site approval, when commercial property owners request zoning modifications or permits, we could require them to install a sidewalk or some sort of pathway as a condition of their approval. The Board thanked Mr. Weinstein for coming.

Ridgeview Estates (Mr. Toohey)**Accept Open Space****Road Acceptance**

Town Attorney explained that Ridgeview Estates has two pieces of property that should be considered by the Board to be accepted. There is some open space and two roads: Ridgeview Road and part of Stonebridge Road. Town Engineer Keith Manz and I have reviewed those and I have approved them from a legal point of view.

On a motion introduced by Councilman McGaughey, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 195

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Ridge View Estates Open Space and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize Supervisor Johnson to execute all documents.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

On a motion introduced by Councilman McGaughey, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 196

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept two roads in the Ridge View Estates Subdivision; Ridge View Road Sta. 0+00 to

20+60.61 and a portion of Stone Ridge Road
Sta. 0+00 to 4+21.00 and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize
Supervisor Johnson to execute the appropriate
documents.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by
Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in
favor.

Road Acceptance (Chestnut Hill Drive)
Off Jones Rd.
Ron Taylor

Attorney DeVall explained that this is in R.J Taylor's Subdivision and I also approve
accepting the road in all legal attributes.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Gordon, the Board adopted the following
resolution:

RESOLUTION # 197

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to
accept two roads in the Chestnut Hill
Subdivision; Chestnut Hill Drive Sta. 0+00 to
8+44.85 and a portion of Foxhound Run Sta.
0+00 to 8+82.87 and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize
Supervisor Johnson to execute the appropriate
paper work.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by
Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in
favor.

Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, abstained from
voting.

Committee Reports

Councilman McGaughey stated that the committee that reviewed the Town's Personnel
Policy, the fee policy and some other policies and had met a couple of times. He stated

the Board should have received that committee's recommendations and asked the Board to review them. Councilman McGaughey said he would like to take action on those items at our December 6th, 2007 meeting. Supervisor Johnson stated that any recommended changes should go back to Councilman McGaughey and the Board will take action next month.

Supervisor Johnson stated that he would like to thank Councilman McGaughey and Nancy Reily for their work on the Hazardous Waste program. It was received very well.

Comptroller's Report
(Including Bills & Transfers)

Budget (2007) Transfers

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 198

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the budget transfers for 2007 requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 11/8/07 report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Parks Department

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 199

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from Keith Manz to add \$25,000 to the Parks A7110.2 account for the installation of a new well to supply water to the Parks Building and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to waive the procurement policy and hire Hawk Well Drillers to do the work and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a budget amendment to increase A300.500 Mortgage Tax Revenue by \$25,000.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McGaughey, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Personnel

Code Enforcement:

Resignation (Robert Roeckle)

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 200

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept with regret Robert Roeckle's resignation from Building Inspector effective October 31, 2007.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McGaughey, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Roger Blauvelt

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 201

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept Roger Blauvelt's temporary voluntary demotion from Building Inspector to Assistant Building Inspector/Fire Marshal at a Grade 8, Step 6, 4th year due to health restrictions, effective November 1, 2007.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Appointment (Mark Mykins)

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 202

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to provisionally appoint Mark Mykins to the Building Inspector position at Grade 9, base rate effective November 1, 2007.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Executive Session

Supervisor Johnson stated that the Board needs to adjourn to executive session to discuss a potential sale of land to the Department of Environmental Conservation at 80 Scout Road.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, and seconded by Councilman Gerber, the Board adjourned to executive session at 7:50 p.m..

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, and seconded by Councilman McGaughey, the board reconvened the Regular Town Board meeting at 8:52 p.m..

Results of Executive Session

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 203

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the New York State's acquisition of 2.8 acres at 80 Scout Road in the amount of \$35,000 subject to Town Attorney Richard DeVall's, review of all legal documents and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize Supervisor Johnson to execute all contracts pertaining to the sale.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Supervisor Johnson: If there is no other business, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, and seconded by Councilman McGaughey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m., all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Maynard, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Councilman, Raymond O'Connor

Councilman, Charles Gerber

Councilman, Larry Gordon

Councilman, Ian McGaughey