

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
TOWN OF LA GRANGE**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2011**

Present: Supervisor Jon Wagner
Councilman Joseph Luna
Councilman Edward Jessup
Councilman Gary Beck
Councilman Gary Polhemus

Recording Secretary: Christine O'Reilly-Rao, Town Clerk

Others Present: Ron Blass, Esq. Van De Water & Van De Water

A special meeting of the Town Board was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at the LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road. Supervisor Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Town Clerk led the flag salute.

Mr. Wagner asked for a motion to accept the minutes from November 9, 2011. Councilman Jessup moved to do so, seconded by Councilman Luna. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Wagner explained that there had been a Public Hearing on the proposed 2012 Budget last week, as well as a Public Hearing on proposed legislation which would override the tax cap.

After reviewing the minutes from the November 9th meeting and taking note of the various comments made by Town residents, the Board was able to reach a consensus during the workshop meeting to add money to the budget in a contingency line for highway expenses related to emergencies

Mr. Wagner asked for a motion for any further deletions to the budget. No motion was made.

Mr. Wagner asked for a motion to adopt the Tax Cap Override law. No motion was made.

During the workshop, the Board examined various options for the 2012 Budget. The first option was to adopt the Preliminary Budget as it already exists. The second would be a 1.88 % tax levy limit plus 1% for growth factor and 1% for the retirement exemption. This would add \$96,796 to be used for the Highway contingency line item. The third option would add \$102,497 to the Highway contingency line; with a straight 2% tax levy along with the growth factor and retirement exemption.

Based on public comment regarding funding the Highway Department in order to keep the roads safe, especially during storm events, the Board reached a consensus on this option.

Mr. Wagner asked for a motion to add \$102, 497 to the Highway Budget in contingency. Councilman Luna so moved, seconded by Councilman Polhemus. The motion carried unanimously.

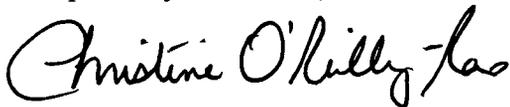
Mr. Wagner then asked for a motion to adopt the 2012 Budget, which will include the 2% tax levy limit as well as the contingency amount of \$102,497 for the Highway Budget. He asked to have it noted that the 2012 Budget is also \$58,119 below the calculated full legal tax levy limit.

Councilman Luna so moved, seconded by Councilman Jessup. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Polhemus. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine O'Reilly-Rao
LaGrange Town Clerk