

A regular Meeting of the Town Board of Guilderland was held at the Town Hall, Route 20 McCormick's Corners, Guilderland, NY, on the above date at 7:30 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call by Rosemary Centi, Town Clerk, showed the following to be present:

- Councilman Redlich
- Councilwoman Slavick
- Councilman Pastore
- Councilman Grimm
- Supervisor Runion

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Sherwood, Town Attorney

Supervisor Runion welcomed everyone to the evening's meeting and asked for a motion accepting the minutes of the October 19th, 2010 Town Board meeting.

MOTION #170 Councilwoman Slavick moved to **ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19TH, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING.** Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Redlich	Abstained
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD- None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7:30 PM – 2011 TOWN BUDGET

Town Clerk, Rosemary Centi, read the legal notice.

Supervisor Runion stated that the Town Board has held several workshops to review the tentative budget which was filed in the Town Clerk's office on September 29th 2010. The 2011 tentative budget had no tax increase, so the tax rate remains at .26 per thousand of assessed valuation. That would translate into an average home assessed at \$200,000.00 paying a total of \$52.00 of general town tax.

There will be no general percentage raises for town employees.

The Highway tax rate remains the same for 2011.

The water tax will increase by less that 1% and the sewer tax will increase less than 1% for 2011.

To view the 2011 tentative budget, visit www.townofguilderland.org

No public comment regarding the 2011 Town Budget.

MOTION #171 Councilman Slavick moved to **CLOSE THE 7:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2011 TOWN BUDGET.** Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Redlich	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

MOTION #172 Councilwoman Slavick moved to **ADOPT THE 2011 TOWN BUDGET**. Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was denied by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Redlich Opposed – “The proposed 2011 Town budget calls for drawing over 1 million dollars from the Town’s bank accounts, deficit spending. The proposed budget overestimates sales tax revenue, approximately \$400,000.00 overestimate, the same as last year’s budget overestimating sales tax revenue by \$400,000.00. Again, we fail to deal with the looming pension jump. This year we had a big increase in our pension contribution, we have another big increase coming next year and we are not doing anything to prepare for that other than drawing more money out of our bank account. Mr. Runion said that we have had several workshops, in my world, three is not several. We did not see several departments. The budget itself is not transparent. “

Councilwoman Slavick Aye

Councilman Pastore Opposed – “I disagree with Mr. Redlich in that the budget is not transparent, I believe it is. I am concerned; however, that we have not negotiated the contracts with respect to the unions. That, to me, seems to be a looming concern. In light of that, I am opposed to this proposed budget.”

Councilman Grimm Opposed - “I have several

questions. During the budget review, reviewing the Parks Department, I asked how much our golf pro was making. The town provides a salary for the golf pro but there are other compensations that the golf pro gets. I felt that we were not able to really set the appropriate salary unless we know what the other compensation is. One is the fees arrived from the driving range and the others are from the private lessons they have.”

He asked about the status of the information that he had asked for from the Parks Department. He further stated that they needed to know what they were making. He further stated that there was strong evidence that the sales tax number was inflated and should be revised. He stated that there was a pay freeze in place and asked who would be getting a raise. Supervisor Runion stated that no one would be getting a raise other than union employees who were entitled to longevity raises.

Councilman Grimm stated that the Town Assessor would be getting a substantial raise and asked for an explanation.

Supervisor Runion stated that the Assessor reduced staff from five employees to three and would be working an additional five hours per week at the same rate of pay.

Councilman Grimm stated that the Assessor was not a union employee and would not be getting overtime.

Supervisor Runion stated that it was Compensation Time.

Councilman Grimm stated that the proposal was for the Assessor’s salary to increase from \$56,000.00 to \$64,000.00.

Supervisor Runion stated that he would be working additional hours.

Councilman Grimm stated that it was unfair that the Assessor was getting a 14% pay raise and that he would not support it.

Councilman Grimm questioned the transparency of the budget. He stated that there was no descriptive language in it and there were no salaries stated. He further stated that the sales tax number is an over estimate. He voted “No” on the budget.

Supervisor Runion Aye – He said, "I would like to clarify a few items. When we do a town budget, we do projections on what we assume will be the revenues that will be coming to the town as well as the expenditures. We carefully monitor our revenues so that when the revenues fall short, we cut back on our expenditures so that the budget stays in sinque. In 2010, the number of 9.6 million is incorrect; it is more like 9.75 million dollars. In 2009, we cut back on \$400,000.00 worth of spending in order to make sure that we met our budget revenue projections. In 2010, we have done the same thing. This year, in 2011 there will be a new census that will come into play and we have always had a population increase and our sales tax is based on population. With the increase, we should see some additional sales tax revenue for 2011; however, we have not budgeted for any sales tax increase just to be conservative."

Supervisor Runion further clarified that there were a \$200,000.00 in contingencies, and over \$100,000.00 in Parks improvements which were not spent. He said, "The spending of the Town fell well below what was budgeted for 2010 to ensure that the revenues coincided with the expenditures." He stated that he felt that this was good, prudent budgeting and good prudent planning. He further stated that the budget is monitored on a daily basis throughout the year. Town employees and Department heads were very cooperative in ensuring that they only spend what is needed and they only spend based on the revenues coming into the town. There are longevity increases for employees for 5, 10 or 15 year length of service. The amount of longevity increase is about \$250.00, more for longer service.

He stated that he felt this was a good budget and that during his eleven years as Supervisor there was only one increase of one penny over the past decade.

He further stated that the economy is in difficult shape and that large fund balances are created so that money is available when the economy is not good and that's when fund balances are utilized so that the tax payers are not hurt. "Based on that, I am voting in favor of the budget."

Further discussion was held regarding tax rates and assessed valuation.

Supervisor Runion explained that the tentative budget would be adopted as the budget of the Town, per law.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Item # 1 on the agenda concerned a vote on a proposed local law recommended by the Zoning Review Committee concerning home occupations and mixed use development.

Supervisor Runion read the Albany County Planning Board's recommendations regarding the committee's proposals. **(P 123A)**

The Zoning Review Committee noted changes to the law.

Discussion was held regarding setbacks, accessory structure usage and resident versus non-resident for Home Occupation.

The Town Board thanked the committee for their more than year long service on the issue.

MOTION #173 Councilman Redlich moved to **SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDED LOCAL LAW DEALING WITH REVISIONS SUBMITTED BY THE ZONING AND LAND USE REVIEW COMMITTEE CONCERNING HOME OCCUPATIONS, MIXED –USE DEVELOPMENTS AND DEFINITIONS OF SHOPPING CENTERS ON DECEMBER 7TH, 2010, AT 7:30 PM.** Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Redlich	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye

Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

MOTION #174 Councilwoman Slavick moved to **AWARD THE BID FOR REHABILITATION OF WELL #2 TO LAYNE-CHRISTENSEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,490.00 PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT.** Councilman Redlich seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Redlich	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

MOTION #175 Councilwoman Slavick moved to **AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A COLLECTOR'S WARRANT FOR THE GUILDERLAND WATER DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$641,631.37.** Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Redlich	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

MOTION #176 Councilwoman Slavick moved to **ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:25 PM. TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR CSEA BARGAINING UNIT "B".** Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Redlich	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Supervisor Runion congratulated all the winners in Tuesday's election and also all of the other people who participated in the election. He thanked the voters for coming out to vote.

Councilman Grimm congratulated Councilman Redlich for his efforts.

MOTION #177 Councilwoman Slavick moved to **APPROVE A ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH CSEA UNIT "B" STARTING FROM JANUARY 1ST, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2011.** Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Redlich	Opposed
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Opposed
Supervisor Runion	Aye

MOTION #178 Councilman Redlich moved to **EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:30 PM**. Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Redlich	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

MOTION #179 Councilman Redlich moved to **ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 4TH, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 10:32 PM**. Councilman Pastore seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Redlich	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Grimm	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

**Rosemary Centi
Town Clerk**